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Appetizers

Sad Jokes from Britain

And the Poor Guy Was Bald!

■ Joshua Brush, a traveling man
 Who sailed the briny main,
 Was Mister Brush in England,
 And Señor Brush in Spain.
 The Frenchmen called him Monsieur Brush,
 But the Germans were his bane;
 For they always called him Herr Brush,
 Which filled his soul with pain.

Not Guilty

■ Magistrate (to man accused of begging):
 "What have you to say?"

Prisoner: "It wasn't my fault, sir. I just held out my hand to see if it was raining, and the gent dropped a penny in it."

Ominous

■ "Doctor, I'm sorry to drag you so far out in the country on such a bad night."

"Oh, it's quite all right, because I have another patient near here, so I can kill two birds with one stone."

Profitable

■ Music Instructor: "I'm surprised to hear you admit you haven't been practicing, Susie. What can you get out of your music if you don't practice?"

Susie: "Sixpence an evening from my dad."

It Simply Isn't Done!

■ Foreman: "Wot's up, Bill, 'urt yourself?"

Bill: "No, gotta nail in me boot."

Foreman: "Why doncher take it out, then?"

Bill: "Wot! In me dinner hour?"

A Warning

■ Magistrate: "You were witness of this matrimonial dispute. What were your thoughts?"

Witness: "Never to get married!"

No Doubt!

■ Marjory: "Mummy, were you at home when I was born?"

Mother: "No, darling, I was staying with grandma in the country."

"Weren't you awfully surprised when you heard about it?"

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Threats of the Totalitarian Monstrosity

The Democracy of the Democracies



THERE is a slogan going the rounds today, "Collective Security"; the way to maintain peace is through Collective Security. With the idea of Collective Security no one can quarrel. It is a desire of the human race for which we are all striving in our hearts, but to say "Collective Security" *today* means *one* and only one thing, and that is, an alliance between the democratic countries, England, France, and the United States, against the Fascist countries, Italy, Germany, and Japan.

This alliance is supposed to start out by imposing economic sanctions; its more realistic proponents admit that it will end up with military sanctions. This, then, is what is meant by Collective Security today: we are asked to join in an alliance with the democracies of France and England, in order to prevent the growth of Fascism. The concerted action of these three governments will defend democracy and retard the aggression of the Fascist governments.

Let us examine in some detail just how much enamored of democracy these three countries are. Let us first of all take France. France is a democracy, that is, on the mainland, but through the vast stretches of North Africa and the more-distant lands of French Indo-China the word democracy is unknown. These people are held in subjection by the French imperialists and have no say in their destiny. Do you remember with what universal condemnation and loathing the Germans were held during the World War when they bombarded and partially destroyed that monument of French art and religion, the cathedral at Rheims? Do you recall that we were especially indignant because this outrage was perpetrated upon the French, the guardian of light and culture for Europe? I am sure you remember this, but do you remember that after the war, after the world had been made

safe for democracy and culture, the French decided they would take over the country of Syria, and in furtherance of this laudable purpose they bombed, not a cathedral, but the oldest inhabited city on the face of the earth, the city of Damascus? Do you recall that they destroyed one of the 'holiest' places of "Christendom", a street in Damascus called 'the street called Straight'? Even today, while Barcelona is being bombed the French will not help the legally constituted government but rather continue the farce of non-intervention and even go so far as to use the plight of the Spanish loyalists as a method of wringing concessions from the British to protect the French possessions in North Africa, also Ethiopia.

Then, the second country, Great Britain. Today Great Britain is waging a war, and has been waging it for years. Not a very big war, it is true, but that is only because the people against whom she is waging it are not able to carry on a greater struggle. I am referring to the northwestern frontier of India, where an independent and courageous people are trying to throw off the yoke of British imperialism. Do you remember one of the catch phrases of the British premier, Lloyd George, during the war, "Self determination for small nations"?

It was a beautiful phrase when applied to Austro-Hungary or Turkey, but it was different when applied to the heroic Irish nation which tried to gain its freedom from 800 years of British oppression. Do you remember how Lloyd George sent into Ireland, in 1919, 1920, and 1921, regiment after regiment of vicious storm troopers known as "Black and Tans", whose principal occupation consisted of burning a number of co-operative creameries and carrying out reprisals upon unarmed men, women, and children in retaliation for the losses which the Irish caused while fighting for Ireland's freedom?

Coming down to date again, do you remember that it was Great Britain that imposed the farce of non-intervention upon Spain, which resulted in the rebels' receiving all the ammunition and guns they required from Italy and Germany, while the duly elected government of Spain was refused this? Do you realize that it is this policy of Great Britain's which has nourished and kept alive Fascism in Spain?

And now, coming to ourselves. Let us see how much our government loves democracy. Today, in the Delaware river, boats are loaded with aerial bombs for the civilian population of Barcelona and the Chinese cities. These bombs are bought by Germany and Japan and they can be bought by any other country; that is, any other country except Spain. Do you realize that the one country in the world that is fighting for democracy is prohibited by law from purchasing supplies in this country? Our government went so far in showing its teeth to those forces that were fighting for democracy as to especially prohibit the Spanish loyalists from purchasing supplies in this country.

Need I recall to you how we have kept dictators in power in Central and South American countries? and did you read last week the speech of Mr. McNutt, the high commissioner of the Philippines? He stated that we are not going to give the Philippines their independence, but that we are going to keep them as a base to protect our imperialistic interests in the Far East.

What does all this mean? Does it mean that life in England, France, and the United States is not freer, is not better than life in Italy, Germany, and Japan? Of course not. Life is a hundred, a thousand times better in the democracies than it is in the Fascist countries. Does it mean that the people in control of the democratic countries are vicious, malicious, evil-minded? It does not. It means simply this: that any one of these nations will go to war, will enforce sanctions for only one purpose, and that is, to protect their own interests. France remained cold to Great Britain's plea when Italy invaded Ethiopia, because her toes were not being stepped on. England remained cold when approached by France to guarantee Czechoslovakia's independence, because her toes were not being stepped on. We remained cold about both Ethiopia and Spain, but were aroused by the Far East. Is there something finer about democracy in

China than about democracy in Spain or Ethiopia? I think you will agree with me when I say there is not. But there are American investments or American spheres of influence in China where there are not in Ethiopia or Spain, and consequently we are now preparing ourselves to defend democracy against Fascism in the Far East. Do you think for one moment that it is tenderness for the Chinese that prompts this action — the Chinese, whom we do not even respect enough to allow them to try their own cases and insist upon having our own courts in their country? The question answers itself.

To sum up: Collective Security today means a military alliance between three powers who will not fight for democracy but will only fight to protect what they consider to be their interests.—David H. H. Felix, Philadelphia attorney, in an address in Baltimore, Md.

Is It True?



Is it true that Lewis and the C.I.O. are but pawns in that game of the president's advisers, described by Bainbridge Colby, the distinguished secretary of state in Wilson's cabinet, who, in 1934, said:

So completely has the administration turned its interest and its energies away from business recovery that it is openly charged, and indeed admitted, that a substantial number of the president's immediate advisers are not desirous of business revival, feeling that to prolong the depression will produce a better psychological background for the prosecution of their revolutionary designs. The overturn of our institutions, including the Constitution, is their avowed goal.

That the C.I.O. is interested in something more than the betterment of labor has been demonstrated by its conduct.

In Michigan it not only closed factories and violated the law with impunity, defied the law-enforcing officers, but it seized and held possession of the State capitol at Lansing, Mich., for a day, and for no other purpose than to demonstrate its power.

For a like purpose, although it had a signed contract with Consumers Power Co., in the Saginaw Valley, it pulled the switches in the power plants and threw a goodly portion of the State into darkness.

It is backed by high authority. Otherwise it would not dare to defy the law-enforcing officers.—Representative Clare E. Hoffman, Michigan, in an address in the House of Representatives in Washington, May 27, 1938.

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Sheep Control



The United States is a wonderful country for societies. Organizations exist for every purpose of which the human mind can conceive. One of the latest is a society to study the methods by which the mass mind is moved—a society to study what we call “methods of propaganda”. This society has classified under names well understood across the Atlantic the methods adopted by propagandists to influence public opinion. There is, for example, the Name Calling device. That is the practice of calling by unpleasant names a doctrine or a proposal which the organizers wish to defeat. We should call it “slanging”. Another method is diagnosed as the Glittering Generalities device. This succeeds by the employment of phrases so brilliant that they dazzle those who possess the little learning that is dangerous. The Transfer Method involves the employment of a flag or a similar symbol to excite emotion. The Testimonial device is obviously the familiar one of carrying something to success by the use of a testimonial. Finally, there is the Plain Folk method, which rests on the assumption that anything that is plain and homely is by that fact alone made glorious and worthy of acceptance. Methods are numerous and very ingenious, but examination shows that all have the same aim. That common aim is to prevent people from examining for themselves the facts upon which they ought to judge the matter.

The Glittering Generalities blind people to the facts. The flag or symbol drags patriotism across the trail. The Testimonials create the feeling that the evidence has been examined by better minds. And the Plain Folk appeal stirs class consciousness. The great thing, you see, is to keep the mass mind from getting to grips with the evidence. That might be fatal to the purpose which the propagandist has in view. It is all very cunning, and to some folk very amusing. It is droll to see these poor sheep herded away from the pastures they pretend to seek. From the point of view of human progress, however, it is profoundly tragic—tragic because the future of humanity depends so much upon right judgment by democracy, and because democracy is so ready to be spared the exertion of thinking for itself. In that last fact lies the chief weakness of democracy. Men and women “don’t want to be bothered”. They can read, but they won’t read. It is too much like work. Speeches at

meetings, talks on the radio—these things, they say, are enjoyed only by the speakers. “We don’t want speeches. Cut out the talking,” is the familiar plea of people arranging social functions. So it comes about that nimble minds set out to supply democracy with ready-made opinions, and to shepherd them to those folds where heads are counted.—Robert Power, in the *East Anglian Daily Times*.

Questions on Fascism



An Italian, in the *Pittsburgh Press*, asks the following questions with reference to Fascism: If it uplifts the classes, why is it necessary that every third person in Italy be a policeman, a guard or a spy? If it celebrates a new enlightenment, why does Mussolini say, “We must furnish the brains of our people less sumptuously in order to build up their character,” and then spend money intended for schools to the building of battleships? If it corrects our institutions, why has Mussolini found it necessary to announce five times the establishment of the corporative state officially, and yet no such corporative state exists? If it means a frank facing of facts, why is there such a tight censorship of news from Italy, so that we hear of the many peasant revolts and farmers’ uprisings by letter only months later? If Fascism inspires the respect of the masses of Italian people (and I have far too great faith in my own people to believe that), why does Mussolini find it important that when the people vote they vote “yes” for Mussolini on a blue ballot and “no” on a pink as guards watch?—*American Guardian*.

Progress of the Racket

◆ In 1918 there was one Communist country. In 1924 there was still only one; in 1930 there was one; and in 1938 there probably isn’t any, because most experts think Russia is no longer Communist. In 1918 there was no Fascist country. In 1924 there was one, Italy. Now there are Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and Hungary. Spain probably will go Fascist, and England is virtually a Fascist country now. There is an example of real potency for you. Fascism has not suffered a single setback, and I firmly believe that when it comes to dominate Europe there will be no hope for us.—Professor John Ise, of the University of Kansas, in an address in Kansas City.

Fascist Control of World



If the foreign policy of Great Britain, the United States and France had been directed by morons and imbeciles during the past six years, it could not have been any worse. They have all been following blindly the policy of Micawber that "something would turn up". They have been afraid to align themselves with Moscow against Fascism, fearing Communism. They have been afraid to make agreements with Hitler and Mussolini, since every time they do they lose something. In their dilemma all they can think of to do is increase armaments; and for what? They say they do not want war.

The democratic powers have acceded to every demand made upon them by the Fascist nations until if they yield another point they will "lose their shirt" and become second- or third-rate powers. All they can do now is to fight. If Hitler and Mussolini are permitted to complete the conquest of Spain, France will be exposed to Fascist Germany on three sides, rendering her helpless. It will then be an easy matter for Hitler to move on into Czechoslovakia and annex the colonies of France, bringing the French empire to an end.

Britain will be finished also, because a Fascist Spain will make her position in the Mediterranean strategically impossible. As for Japan, she will be free to complete the conquest of all China, and, with those vast resources at her disposal, will be unbeatable in the Orient. The United States stands to lose what outlying possessions she has, including the Philippines, the Aleutian islands and Guam, and might eventually be at the mercy of Japan on the west coast. The Soviet union would be incapable of alone combating Japan and would lose Siberia, the Ukraine and her other possessions.

The turning point has come. The liberal nations must decide immediately, tomorrow, what they consider worth fighting for. They can continue to accede to the demands of the Fascist countries and thus "commit suicide". It has never happened in history that empires have given up their possessions without a struggle, although the past six years might seem to indicate that is what they are going to do now.—Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, professor of political science at Williams College, Massachusetts, in an address in Springfield, Mass.

Patriotism by Compulsion

◆ In Germany the grotesque gesture of saluting with a "Heil Hitler" on every possible occasion has become an international joke. None suspects that the millions of Germans who under penalty of arrest mimic their loyalty to Der Fuehrer sincerely feel any devotion toward him or his policies. Their salute has become merely a convenient sacrifice to keeping out of jail.

We want none of this sort of patriotism in America. The sincere declaration of allegiance by one citizen would mean more to us than the spectacle of thousands saluting the flag because they feared being arrested should they renege.

Patriotism in this country, moreover, springs from the knowledge that every citizen is free to exercise his own conscience, and out of the knowledge that liberty is the first law of the land has arisen a spirit of national devotion that can never be emulated in countries where saluting the flag is nothing more than complying with the law. Under such a system the flag salute becomes very much like keeping on the right side of the road or observing the parking limit. We prefer to think of patriotism as something deeper than such compulsory obedience of law. It is much more glorious when it appears as a voluntary and sincere conviction of allegiance.—Asbury Park (N.J.) *Evening Press*.

Too Much Federal Legislation

◆ No one knows now whether our Government will endure. There come times when the ledger must be balanced. This is the hour in which the American people must answer as to their capacity for self-government.

I like to look to Virginia, where, a decade before the Constitution of the United States, Virginia had her bill of rights. The time has come when you young citizens must demonstrate that you are worthy of your ancestry.

Listen to me. Do you think that I have come down here just to make a speech? I tell you I was never more serious in my life. We live in an hour when we must decide whether we will wear the yoke of a dictator or stand as free men on Virginia soil. I have seen too many States bargaining away their privilege of government at Washington. There is entirely too much Federal legislation today.—Representative Hatton W. Sumners, of Texas, in an address at Richmond.

The New Religion



The United States will continue to sell munitions to its prospective enemies; it will build battleships with impenetrable armor and manufacture projectiles that will pierce that armor; it will launch warships to be destroyed by bombing planes and construct anti-aircraft guns to destroy those bombers; it will manufacture poison gas, and gas masks to protect against it; it will denounce imperialism but refuse to abandon its special privileges; its neutrality will be fickle; it will sacrifice a thousand lives to avenge one, and spend billions of dollars to save thousands.

The time approaches when every other pursuit will be subordinate to warfare. Infants will be supplied with gas masks and toy soldiers; schools and colleges will instruct the young in gunnery, ballistics, ordnance, flame-throwing, machine gunnery and bayonet thrusting; American citizens will be conscripted and trained to accept the dictum of Hitler and Mussolini that the chief aim of youth in life is to fight. The glory of war will become our national religion.—*The Arbitrator*.

No Election in 1940 (?)

◆ Because Farleyites are building politics with the exploitation of misery, there will be no presidential election in 1940. I don't know that a dictatorship would not be preferable to the tyranny of Farley and his satellites.

But building a political machine through exploiting the unfortunate situation of the unemployed will eventually break down our political system.

From what I have seen enacted on the political stage, I cannot help agreeing with reports that the president has a Napoleonic complex, and is not eager to abdicate the throne in 1940.—Brigadier General Pelham D. Glassford, U.S.A., police chief in Washington, D.C., at time of the Bonus march.

Law and Love

◆ C'mon, let's pass a law providing so many days in jail and a fine of so-and-so much for people unwilling to celebrate Constitution day.

Pshaw, what are you giving us?

Well, haven't we already hoosegowed children for not saluting the flag?

Anyhow, love of country enforced by law is rape.—*American Guardian*.

Three of the Modern Religions

◆ In Germany, January 30, 1938, the school children were required to kneel in worship and to chant the following:

We do not want rest. We loathe quiet. Waiting is death. He who is unfaithful and leaves the flag of Der Fuehrer shall lose honor forever. Unfaithful, be accursed! Fuehrer, we salute thee!

The prayer which every Italian school child is taught to offer at his midday meal is addressed to another murderer and says:

Il Duce, I thank you for what you give me to make me grow healthy and strong. O Lord God, protect Il Duce so that he may be long preserved to Fascist Italy.

The Russian expression of faith is not a prayer exactly, like the prayers addressed to Hitler and Mussolini, but has the same intent. It goes thus:

If your father or your mother is not loyal to The Cause, report them to Stalin, so that they may be shot.

The Fascist League

◆ European papers pay considerable attention to the likelihood that a definitely Fascist league of nations will be formed with headquarters at either Rome or Berlin. If such a league is formed, the logical headquarters of it would be Vatican City, which is the actual center in the earth of Fascism, no matter what may be the form in which the same is expressed. The fact that Moors, Japanese, Aryan pagans and other non-Christians would be in the league would mean nothing at all to the managers of the racket. All would be brothers in one "holy cause", that of grinding the faces of the poor and extorting from them the last nickel obtainable, by fair means or foul, to keep themselves in the saddle.

Variety in Human Life

◆ We recognize, welcome and prize the distinctive differences in personalities, and likewise in communities, nations and races, realizing that it is these essential unlikenesses that lend the richness of variety to human life. Fascism represents the reverse of these principles. . . . Indeed, it is quite likely to appropriate the term "Americanism", introducing itself with patriotic fanfares as a cloak for decidedly un-American violations of civil liberties, and particularly for either subtle or overt attacks upon minority races and political groups.—American Ethical Union, Public Affairs Committee Resolution.

League of Nations

The League Dances



THE last assembly of the League of Nations was presided over by the Indian delegate, the Aga Khan, reputed to be the world's richest man. This potentate did his best to give some life to the conference. But vain effort. Even the presence of this man, whose fortune is reckoned in millions, was not sufficient to dispel the uneasiness which hung over the palace.

"Commence your proceedings, gentlemen," said he to the delegates. But none was able to deliver his farcical speech with the customary ease. The envoys from Spain and China were the only ones among all those present whose voices raised an echo. The first had rather a large audience. His observations, however, disturbed his colleagues to such an extent that, for fear of hearing the representative of China reveal even more disturbing truths, they preferred to retire to their luxurious hotels or to stifle their consciences in the pleasure resorts of Geneva. With broken heart the unhappy Chinese delegate spoke before almost empty benches.

The Spanish representative in his concluding remarks had said: "Open your eyes, gentlemen. It is no longer merely a question of the fate of my country. The future of Europe is being decided on Spanish soil." But there was no sign of reaction on the part of his audience.

Then the delegate from China also dwelt on the peril which threatens humanity in the Far East, but his few auditors were no longer paying attention. Already in other halls preparations were being made to brighten up this mournful assembly. The Aga Khan, in his capacity as president of the illustrious company, wished to carry out an act of brilliance that would be worthy of figuring prominently in the annals of the institution of Geneva. He therefore organized at the Palace of the League a banquet for two thousand guests, of whom sixty were ministers on active service.

The Association of the Friends of the League of Nations protested energetically against this mad enterprise, but the Aga Khan would not give way. He even refused to accede to the wish of the delegates from Spain and China, who requested him to at least abandon the idea of the ball, because of the miseries of

their countries. In case the dancing were vetoed, he would immediately order the banquet from one of Geneva's wealthiest hotels.

It is understood that such a festivity is a windfall for the coffers of the League. So, as the secretary took good care not to forego it, what was the use of protestation?

The most famous chefs from Paris came to feverishly prepare this banquet under the direction of the millionaire Hindu's "chef de cuisine". After the guests had partaken of the choicest dishes, all kinds of delicate and expensive dessert were served, and two thousand bottles of champagne were opened.

The electric lustres were draped in gold, thousands of yards of green silk adorned the walls, fifteen thousand roses and as many carnations decorated the halls and the tables, and on the inlaid floors were spread the most magnificent carpets.

Fourteen of the finest European orchestras played joyous music without cessation; and forgotten were the cries of distress of the Spanish and Chinese populations, bombarded by the "civilizing" forces of their enemies.

The revelers gave themselves up to dancing and carousing until morning. Fifteen doctors and forty nurses were on the spot to look after those who were overcome by the orgy. Oh, they were magnificent, those representatives to whom the poor people had entrusted their fate! and incidentally the orgy cost the Aga Khan half a million Swiss francs.

This banquet reminds us of the old-time feast which Belshazzar, king of Babylon, gave to the thousand lords of his kingdom. After well partaking of wine, and in order to reproach the God of the Hebrews, the monarch commanded that the vessels of gold and silver, which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, should be brought forward so that his lords, his wives and his concubines might drink therefrom.

And while they were drinking, mysterious humanlike fingers wrote on the white wall of the royal palace the words, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." Seeing this, the Sacred Narrative says, "the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."

Daniel, the prophet of God, explained to the shaken king that the words meant "Num-

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bered, weighed and divided", saying, "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. . . . Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. . . . Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." In that same night was Belshazzar slain, and Darius the Mede took the kingdom.

The same judgment has been pronounced against the League of Nations. Although its acts are an abomination to the Lord, this worldly organization has been described as "the political expression of God's kingdom on earth". Soon it will perish in the battle of Armageddon, together with all the Devil's institutions, after which Christ will establish, according to the Divine method, the true league of nations, making one country of all the earth. And then will be banished for ever wars, profiteers, misery, tyrants, kings, ministers, Aga Khans, and every authority but that of Christ Jesus, earth's rightful Ruler.—Translated from the French edition of *Consolation*.

The League God's Kingdom?

◆ In January, 1919, shortly before the League of Nations scheme was brought to completion, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America boldly sponsored it as 'the political expression of God's kingdom on earth'. In view of the foregoing article, "The League Dances," the significance of this eager approval of a league of selfish nations is readily seen. Some who were not connected with the Federal Council of Churches could see the thing in its true light, and said, "It is true that the darker forces of the world triumphed at Paris when the unjust treaty of peace was written."

But the professed Christian church said, officially:

The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of Free Nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a league is not merely a peace expedient; it is rather the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth. The League of Nations is rooted in the gospel. Like the gospel, its objective is "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Like the gospel, its appeal is universal.

The heroic dead will have died in vain unless out of victory shall come a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. — 2 Peter 3:13.

The church can give a spirit of goodwill, without which no League of Nations can endure.

In this manner the unfaithful churches looked to scheming politicians and diplomats to establish the world in righteousness, and hoped to see the fruit of righteousness spring from a carnage such as the world had never before witnessed!

And the Roman Hierarchy wanted a seat in the League.

Some of the League Withdrawals

◆ Some of the League of Nations withdrawals are Germany, Austria, Japan, Brazil, Paraguay, and the five Central American nations, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Salvador and Nicaragua. Oddly enough, Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras are as thick with Japan and Germany as peas in a pod; and one can readily catch the impression that the lot of them think what a great excitement it would make in the world if they should decide to try to take over the Panama canal. And it would, too.

Lloyd George Pans the League

◆ This is the fundamental fact, that the body that was set up with common consent, including Germany, Italy and Japan, for the purpose of insuring peace in the world, has been cast aside. This great body has been stricken with palsy, its right side paralyzed, its right arm withered, its voice feeble, indistinct, gibbering, lying huddled on its couch in its great palace at Geneva, no longer consulted, no longer even alluded to.—Lloyd George, at a speech in Westminster.

Mussolini's Projected League

◆ With Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador out of the League of Nations, and all of them either openly Fascist or inclined that way, it is quite apparent that another League of Nations is under way. Ethiopia is still in the League of Nations though itself no longer has any existence. Uncle Sam never got in.

"Greatest Thing Since Pentecost"

◆ Despite its manifest failure "Reverend" J. Bruce Hunter, B.D., D.D., LL.D., of Montreal, Canada, in an address at London, Ontario, declared that the League of Nations is—

the visible spirit of Jesus Christ, expressing his will concerning nations and people; the greatest thing which has come into the world since Pentecost.

Italy

Rules of Machiavelli, Italian Statesman (1469-1527)



"1. Look out for your own interests": Machiavelli was morally blind. He failed to see the world as a unit. Might was right; therefore, the strong must always assert their strength and make laws for their own protection against the weak.

"2. Honor nobody but yourself": Advance the interests of others so long as you can make good use of them! But the moment they threaten to become popular, kill them! for an ambitious man can afford to have no rivals. All the rest must be slaves.

"3. Do evil, but pretend to do good": He sincerely believed in the value of insincerity. He frankly advised statesmen never to be frank. In order to preserve his power, and plunder, it is often necessary for a diplomat to act in opposition to justice, charity, and good faith. Yet his subjects must not be aware of this. In other words, a successful ruler should make his subjects believe he is protecting them at the very moment he is crushing them.

"4. Covet, and get, whatever you can": Have no regard for the rights of others; plunder all you can, and silence those who make complaints. Rob the weak but be aware of the strong; and at all times try to appear liberal.

"5. Be miserly": Machiavelli advises his protégés to save their own money and to spend the money of the people.

"6. Be brutal": Only a brute, he writes, can succeed in ruling his people. Goodness never pays. A prince should stifle the man in him and develop the beast.

"7. Cheat whenever you get the chance": He advises his prince to cultivate the ferociousness of the lion and the cunning of the fox. Force is greater than justice, and fraud more powerful than truth. Do not bother about keeping your promises, for nobody does, and most men are stupid, and the world is always ready to be fleeced.

"8. Kill your enemies, and, if necessary, your friends," in order to attain your goal. Murder is but a means to an end, and the betrayal of a friend an accepted rule.

"9. Use force rather than kindness, in dealing with others": It is better to be feared than to be loved. When you have seized a

state, or robbed a man, you must inflict all your injuries at once, so that they will soon be forgotten. If you must confer benefits, confer them little by little, so that they will be long remembered, but try to avoid conferring them altogether.

"10. Think of nothing but war": War is to be the chief business of the superbrute. 'For war is the sole art looked for in one who rules.' In time of peace he should prepare himself for war.—By a prominent educator.

A "Comic Election"

◆ A man in Italy who does not wish his identity revealed discloses in *The Spectator* that in his part of the country a lad was thrown into jail for calling a Mussolini election a "comic election". A hotel proprietor, who set a good table, failed because his guests who were Fascist officials did not pay their bills. He is now a waiter and his family is in straits. The new owners of a textile mill were about to open with a skeleton staff when they were given a list of 20 inexperienced persons for whom they must find jobs; they did, and failed. A farmer had his farm taken away under pretext that he was not working it to the best advantage. Another hotel proprietor was ordered to have an orchestra; he did, and went broke. America is on the way.

Trying to Sell Himself

◆ All dictators constantly try to sell themselves to the people over whom they temporarily hold control; they want to keep their jobs as long as possible. This is true of Stalin, Hitler, Franco, Mussolini and others that are either dictators now or are denying that they aspire to be dictators, which is always a necessary step just before the actual seizure of power takes place. Mussolini is one of the biggest of these big windbags. He recently had much to say of Italy's 9,000,000 soldiers, powerful submarine fleet, eight first-line battle-ships, reconnoitering and bombing planes, etc. The gentleman forgets something. He forgets the cool, determined, fearless, perfectly-trained man behind the gun. Mussolini is an ass with a loud voice.

Gasoline in Italy

◆ In Italy, in November, 1937, gasoline was selling at approximately 66c per gallon. This was after a 40-percent increase in the taxes heretofore laid upon it.

India

British Bombings in Waziristan



Within the past year the deaths from bombings in the British war against the Waziristans, northern India, have come to 700 dead and more than 350 seriously injured.

India is becoming increasingly difficult to police and to govern. The Roman Hierarchy recently staged one of its advertising campaigns in Madras. It claims that in a heathen land they had 70,000 Catholics in their procession, 1,000 of whom were ecclesiastics. On the way they marched under 15 triumphal arches. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Congress leader, sent a message of greeting on the behalf of the Indian National Congress, with which institution the British authorities in India are at present having much trouble. The Congress seems sure of but one thing, and that is, that it wants to make as much trouble for Britain as it can.

Did This Man Need More Religion?

◆ A villager from the state of Sirmur, who crawled 300 miles on a pilgrimage to Hardwar, in fulfillment of a vow he had made in the event of the recovery of his two sons from typhoid, has just died. Both the sons, who accompanied him when he started last August, died on the way. They were just convalescent when they started, and the effort was too much for their frail health. The father, who had divided the journey into sixty stages of approximately five miles a day, completed it last October. On the return journey hands and knees became swollen and eventually gangrenous. The infection had gone too far, and he died on the roadside.—*London Times*.

One Less Lawless Policeman

◆ There is one less lawless policeman in India. Engaged in the ancient and more or less honorable occupation of torturing a prisoner, the prisoner killed him, and when the case came up in court the prisoner was exonerated. There is a chance here for Pennsylvania state police to learn something. In the case in India the prisoner, a watchman named Kiroo, had been beaten and tortured in public in the military lines for six hours by an Indian police constable. He seized the weapon by which he was being beaten and killed his tormentor.

Conditions in Cawnpore

◆ Choose any slum for investigation, the conditions differ but little; a number of huts in various stages of dilapidation, some under the street level and some above it, with no plan or thought for drainage or sanitation. The commonest type of hut is ten feet by eight, with perhaps no window, and the doorway so low and small that one has to bend in order to enter. Into this four to eight people are squeezed, with a goat or a half-starved cow on the tiny veranda. No wonder it is recorded in the municipal report that infant mortality in working-class areas often exceeds 400 per 1,000 births and tuberculosis is rapidly on the increase. But it seems to make little impression on those responsible for the administration of the city.

It is the poor worker who deserves one's unqualified sympathy and support. Yesterday I found at the gates of a big mill stalwart Kabul money-lenders with "lathis" (big sticks) waiting for their victims as they came out with their wages. The ordinary rate of interest is 150 percent, and no worker will dare to evade the moneylender. It is a common feature, it seems, in all Cawnpore mills, though the Government of India has passed a series of measures within the last two years to protect the indebted worker from being thus harassed.

The employers complain about the low efficiency of the worker. The wonder is that he can work at all under these terrible conditions, with no provision for leave or sickness. Day and night the machines hum and the employers make enormous dividends; but for the worker there is no escape.—*Manchester Guardian*.

India Well Traversed by Airways

◆ India is now well traversed by airways running in every direction between the principal cities, and in addition is crossed by the Dutch, French and British lines to Java, Australia and Indo-China, which touch here and there en route.

Humiliations of the Untouchables

◆ In some parts of India the poor Untouchables may not own even a dog. If the shadow of an Untouchable falls over the food of a high-caste Hindu the food is thrown away. In many places fellow Hindus may not even talk to them from a distance.



Kingdom Privileges in Near East

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◆ This Syrian priest further told me that he was going to free himself from the yoke of that devilish organization. That surely did my heart good. Even though our feeble efforts sometimes do not seem to do much good, as long as we are faithful and obedient and perform our duties Jehovah will give the increase.

It seemed every time I turned I saw the streets [of Palestine] filled with nuns, priests and other Catholics. They seemed to be everywhere.

I had previously brought two pioneers with me from Beirut to Palestine. The two pioneers and I took fourteen cartons of books and went to work. We covered the cities of Haifa, Jaffa, Nazareth, Tiberias, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Tarshiha. We surely were blessed in our efforts and left a large number of books and booklets and found many people who were eager to hear the message.

By the way, the Armenian priest whom I had met the year before and with whom I had placed some literature had been inquiring about me at the home of a German witness who was formerly a pioneer, so I made it my business to call on him. He told me how happy he was to have the truth, and that when he took the book *Riches* he kept it in the slip cover of his pillow. One of the nuns discovered it one day and reported it to the archbishop. Of course, the priest was put on the carpet and warned to burn the book or be kicked out. So he requested his back pay and told the archbishop that he would rather lose his job than give up the book. In fact, he took off his garments and threw them into the face of the archbishop, stating that he was glad he was at last dressed like a man and free from bondage.

Then I proceeded to Bethlehem, and on my way I had to pass a large Latin monastery and I was instructed to detour, and I saw a large body of soldiers. After returning from Bethlehem I went to the radio station at Jeru-

salem and endeavored to buy time so that we could put on a program. Mr. Frey, who was the manager, informed me that he was sorry he could not give me any time. I insisted on knowing the reason for his refusal to give me time, and he then opened up and told me that they had discovered several million rounds of ammunition and hundreds of thousands of rifles packed in piano boxes and stored at the monastery; and this accounted for the British soldiers that I had seen, as they had confiscated this large amount of arms and ammunition.

When another witness and myself worked the city of Tiberias we called on the Gentile homes and were able to leave *Riches* and six booklets in almost every home. We ran out of literature in two days. While I was in this city I ran across the metropolitan of the Greek Catholic Church and gave him the witness. He warned me not to try to tell him about the Kingdom, because he knew all about it. He became very indignant and put his hand in his pocket and handed me a \$5 note. Naturally, I left the literature with him, gave him his change, and urged him to read the literature. This city is a beautiful place situated many hundreds of feet below sea level and it has the finest hot springs found anywhere. I could not help but remember that the Lord Jesus, together with His disciples, visited this famous city on many different occasions, and I thanked Jehovah for having the opportunity to walk over the same spot where Jesus was.

Then we went to the city of Ramallah, where, working two days with five other witnesses, we were able to place 140 books and 480 booklets and also placed one entire set of the [recorded lecture] series of "Religion and Christianity" and a set of "Exposed" as well, and one phonograph.

IN GREAT LEBANON

The Tripoli company has distributed the records I left with them. The pioneer witnesses over there have to cover their territory by foot — sometimes spending three to four hours going to and from their territory each day, which time, of course, they cannot apply on their reports. One pioneer witness carried the publications on his back and witnessed in towns and villages. He did not have any money, but wherever he went the people were glad to give him food and lodging, as well

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as take literature and make some contribution.

Owing to the terrible economic conditions in that country, the Syrian pound has dropped to less than 70c in American money. In other words, today the piaster is worth less than one-half cent, and it is ordinarily worth five cents or more. Since the Syrian pound is backed by the French franc and the franc today is worth less than two and three-fourth cents in American money, it is very difficult for the witnesses to return sufficient money to cover the cost of the publications.

It is now my pleasure to give you some of my experiences with the sound car. The people in these countries, of course, have never seen a car equipped with broadcasting facilities. The first town we visited was called Enfie and which has a population of about 5,000.



Transcription lecture, Copenhagen, Denmark

It is situated on the sea coast. There are five witnesses in this town who are really charged with the zeal of Jehovah.

We parked the car in a cemetery which overlooks the town proper, and started the program with a musical number: "Hear Me, O People!" We then put on the series of "Religion and Christianity". The entire population of the town was so surprised they thought that Gabriel had blown the last trumpet. They tried to trace the voice, and when they found it was coming from the cemetery they were really convinced that the resurrection had begun. They were afraid to come to the cemetery at first, but when thousands of people began to gather some got the courage to come a little nearer and we were able to place a large number of books and booklets with them and they invited us to come again.

Every day we had experiences of a similar nature. We took town after town by surprise. The people were eager to hear the message, and in some instances we were forced to put on the records again and again. We made on

an average five or six towns a day and our little group of workers called at the homes of the people, placing a large amount of literature.

At one place called Kisba, Alkora, we covered this town with about twenty workers and the sound equipment. It is situated on an elevation of almost six thousand feet above sea level, overlooking the most fertile soil on earth and the largest olive groves found anywhere. We started to blast with the sound equipment, using the "Exposed" lectures and finishing with reading out of the *Armageddon* booklet. The entire town came out and we placed an enormous amount of literature, the people showing keen interest in the message. The following night a tornado struck that entire district, uprooting hundreds of olive trees,

destroying homes and killing many farmers and beasts. Satan at all times tries to bring injury and harm to honest people, so they can be made to reproach and blaspheme Jehovah's name. Truly, the people thought *Armageddon* had come when they began to count the damage the next day. Two

weeks later we visited the town again and the people were troubled and fearful. We put on the lecture "Peace Messengers" and comforted them.

We covered the entire district of Alkora and practically all of Lebanon with the sound equipment. The people received the message gladly. They are greatly perplexed and the conditions are terrible. The people are very much dissatisfied with the governments, and especially with the yoke which has been placed upon them by their religious leaders. In Syria and Lebanon the two main branches of the Devil religion are the Roman Catholic and Mohammedan. I was surprised to learn, after visiting scores of Mohammedan towns with nothing but Mohammedan population, how the entire community came out as one man, showing interest in the message. Many were glad to contribute for the literature even though they were poor.

Five workers, including myself, visited a town north of Tripoli called Minna. It has

a population of about eight thousand people. We started with the lecture "Exposed", and when we had the second record on the priest came running down with a staff in his hand and looking as though ready to kill someone. He stood before the loud-speaker and shouted: "Stop, I tell you!" The witness who was operating the equipment turned on more juice when he saw what the priest was doing, and drowned out his voice; but this made him more angry than ever. Not being satisfied with trying to pick a fight with us, calling us everything he could think of, he turned to the people and started cursing them and told them if they were intelligent they would not listen to us and that they were Christians and not Mohammedans and that we ought to go to the Mohammedans with our message.

The people tried to reason with him, but he would not listen. He came and ordered me to stop and I took the microphone and asked the people if they wanted to hear the remainder of the program and, if so, to signify by raising their right hand. Hundreds of people responded and ordered the priest to leave, and when he refused they carried him away and were ready to dump him into the river. A half hour later he returned and the people again ordered him to leave.

When we finished with the "Exposed" lectures they asked us if we had anything else, and we gave them the entire series of "Religion and Christianity" and placed many pieces of literature with them. On our way out this priest had gotten some of his henchmen and they lay in wait for us, hardly leaving room for the automobile to pass through. Some were armed with hatchets, some with axes, some with clubs and some with guns. They stood with their arms upraised ready to strike us, but Jehovah withstood them and it seemed they could not move their arms. We passed through unharmed and very thankful for the loving protection that Jehovah had given us.

The entire four months were spent with the sound equipment, working around fourteen hours a day, and in some instances we did not get through with the lectures until eight or ten o'clock at night.

In one town where the archbishop lives in his palace we put on the lectures. He was walking in his garden in his lace petticoat, and when he heard the message he thought it was a voice from heaven and he rushed to

the house and started running from one room to another. The people said he had told them he surely thought Armageddon was near, and he ordered several gendarmes to come and stop us. However, when they came, we gave them the testimony and instead of harming us they went back with some of the literature. —Joseph E. Rahal, Ohio.

A WBBR Fan's Soliloquy

◆ "You know, there is a radio station in Brooklyn that broadcasts the most unusual stuff. At six-thirty practically every morning of the week I tune to 1300 kilocycles for MORNING WORSHIP. Why do I want to listen to a radio that early in the morning? Well—er—that is, a man has to wake up sometime! So I listen to MORNING WORSHIP. Music is rather nice—organ and sometimes singing. I don't sing. Anyway, not like that. But this is what I meant to tell you: A man reads 'the morning text', some verse from the Bible on the most unusual matter—like Philistines and stuff. And on my word, he doesn't sound like a preacher at all! Then he gives an explanation: what you never, never heard! 'Modern-day Philistines, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, are certain to be completely wiped out at Armageddon. With the destruction of religion God will cleanse the earth of the greatest racket ever to afflict mankind . . . ' I tell you it's the strangest thing you ever heard! The worst of it is, it rings so true I find myself listening to it every chance I have. It's the strangest stuff!"

Reverend Harris Made a Mistake

◆ Reverend Harris, St. Andrews Church, Carshalton, England, has no doubt been making mistakes all his life, but one of his biggest ones was made when he warned his congregation against Jehovah's witnesses. With that, 105 publishers entered his bailiwick, called on all the people the vicar could reach, and more, too, brought the vicar's remarks to the attention of the people, told the people to listen to records explaining the truth, which they did, and incidentally left more than 3,000 pieces of literature behind. The vicar was called on, too (a copy of *Cure and Consolation* having been mailed to him in advance). He seemed heated, and, after saying he did not wish to hear, slammed the door. Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay!

President Isaacs Was Right

◆ When Stanley M. Isaacs, borough president of Manhattan, was invited to address 1,750 members of the Jewish Teachers Association, he accepted the invitation and told the teachers he could see no reason for the existence of their organization. And he was right. Public-school teachers should not make their religion a test for themselves, their pupils, the public or anybody else. Let them keep the rabbis, the priests, the popes and the clergy out of it and attend to their own business, which is teaching the children the mundane things a child needs to know. If their parents want the children taught religion, let it be taught to them elsewhere, at the parents' expense.

Score One for Doctor Godfrey

◆ Score one for Dr. Edward S. Godfrey, Jr., New York state commissioner of health. Having learned something about serums, and seen for himself that their use, to say the very least, has not been an unmixed blessing to humanity, he advises his fellow physicians against rushing pell-mell into the use of the new rabbit serums in the treatment of pneumonia "until careful tests [on the unsuspecting public] have proved their value, safety and limitations". It should be added that the new rabbit serum was tried out last year on 15,000 CCC "volunteers".

New York Legislative Service

◆ Lawyers and others find interest in the unique enterprise established by about fifteen college boys somewhere in New York city, of telling customers what particular knavery is back of any legislation pending at Albany. The service is said to be nonpartisan and plays no favorites. It seems like a fine outlet for honest and energetic young men who wish to learn something and do something for the benefit of their fellow men.

Saved by an Hour

◆ Nine families were saved from 75-year-old tenements on Avenue C, New York city, only an hour before they collapsed and fell in ruins. The tenants fled with their clothing, but were barred by the police from trying to save their furniture and other belongings. New York is two decades behind Britain in its rebuilding program.

Adult Authorities Needed

◆ If a man decides that his religion compels him to shoot every red-headed pedestrian on Fifth Avenue, there are enough laws to prevent him from carrying out his determination. No religious conviction can be allowed expression when its expression involves harm to others. But where the issue is so highly theoretical as in the flag case, the authorities should be a little more tolerant and a little more adult. It is insistence on such formal patriotism as this that brings patriotism itself into mockery and breeds patrioteers instead of patriots. We are saddened to see that the New York State Department of Education is expelling Jehovah's witnesses for non-saluting. A test case should be brought here. Expulsion is not the way to teach patriotism and love of country.—New York Post.

WPA Educating the Foreign-born

◆ The WPA is doing a good work in New York city and other places educating the foreign-born. Of New York city's 264,000 illiterates, 242,000 are foreign-born. It was hoped in the first half of 1937 to have at least 25,000 of these in classes. Of the 12,223 in classes at last report, one student was 83 years of age. Some of the classes are held in homes where the parents cannot conveniently get out. In most instances instruction is welcome.

Good for New York!

◆ Good for New York! In New York city a German boy, a Nazi, accused of carrying a concealed weapon, was defended by a Jewish lawyer before an American war veteran, and found not guilty. The court decided that he had a right to carry his knife as a part of his uniform. The American on the bench got a big kick out of his share in upholding American law and American common sense under the unusual conditions presented.

Gradually Folding Up

◆ One of the first Episcopal churches in western New York, the St. James Episcopal church of Buffalo, folded up on April 17, 1938, after an existence of 84 years. The membership had dwindled until the survivors thought it not worth while to try to keep the old ship afloat. The pastor will now have to go to work for a living. Sad.

Bazaar Did Not Get the Diamond

◆ Harper's Bazaar, calling attention to a special issue of their magazine, delivered what they supposed were homing pigeons to 100 prospective advertisers in New York city. Each pigeon had an aluminum tube attached to its leg. The advertiser was supposed to release the pigeon, which would then fly back to Harper's. Marcus & Company, jewelers, were enthusiastic over this original advertising scheme. To show their appreciation they sent Harper's a small unmounted diamond in the aluminum tube. It just so happened that that particular pigeon was not a homer; for it never showed up. Somewhere that pigeon, like some non-elect Presbyterian, is wandering through the skies not knowing where he will land, or what kind of reception he will get when he lands, or who will get the diamond.

Studies in Courtesy

◆ Studies in courtesy conducted by the department of sanitation, New York city, indicate that Brooklynites are more polite than New Yorkers, boys are more polite than girls, the poor are more polite than the rich, and the Chinese are the most polite, with Italians, French, Japanese, Irish and Americans in the order named. The question was conducted among school children of ages 6 to 18, of every race, color and condition of society.

Honest Man in New York City

◆ Another honest man has been found, this time in New York city. He is a colored man, originally from South Carolina, a taxicab driver. Mr. Casey (that is the gentleman's name) was laid up in the hospital from February 14 to March 28, and during that time his family received help from the city to the amount of \$49.10. Now he is back on his feet, wants to have the relief stopped, and wants to know to whom he can return the money. He got some relief money years ago, and when he tried to find out how to pay it back he could not get any information; so this time he swore out a statement of what he owed and mailed it to the city treasurer. He thinks he might need relief again sometime; and if he should, we want the city to know he is honest. The city knows it.

Automobiles in New York City

◆ It is calculated that when the highway tunnel under New York city is completed about 11,000,000 automobiles a year will be taken off the streets of the big city, with an immense saving in time for car owners driving between Long Island and New Jersey points, and the streets of the city will be safer and more free from deadly carbon monoxide. Incidentally, it is less than forty years since the first man that drove a "horseless carriage" in a park in the big city was arrested for disorderly conduct.



Dinnertime for little folks



Religious Service

THE North-German Lloyd steamship company advertises in its folder that it has erected on its ships "altars for religious service during the ocean voyage. These altars are so arranged that they can be used by Catholics, Protestants or Jews". This is further corroborative and very strong proof that the services indulged in on these ships are not to the honor of Jehovah God, but rather to the dishonor of His name. Mark this fact, that this provision for religious service is made by the Nazis who hate the name of Jehovah God and viciously persecute and imprison men and women who speak the name of Jehovah and who have in possession the Bible and books explaining the Bible.

Their advertisement says: "The officiating clergyman of whichever denomination he may be will find all the necessary vestments, requisites, etc." Those who indulge in "pure and holy worship", as defined in the Scriptures, never use vestments. On the contrary, such vestments, as shown by the Bible, are used only by those who indulge in the practice of Baal, meaning Devil religion. As a striking example: Those opposers of God who indulged in Baal worship assembled at a point in Palestine and 'vestments for all that worship Baal' were brought forth, and they put on these vestments, and when they were thus dressed with their vestments Jehovah God sent His executioner in and killed every one of them, because they were indulging in the practice of Devil or Baal religion.—2 Kings 10: 21-24.

When Jesus was on earth the Jewish priests, who had covenanted to do God's will, turned away from obeying God's commandments and indulged in religion, which Jesus told them was of the Devil. (John 8: 44; Matthew 23: 6-35) Men wear vestments and practice religion before altars prepared for that purpose to be seen of men; and concerning such Jesus used these words: "But all their works they do for to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi," and father, and reverend. (Matthew 23: 5-7) Phylacteries are frontlets worn on the head, made of strips of parchment, on which were written certain words to be seen of others. Similar thereto clergymen, particularly of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, who practice at such altars as advertised by the aforesaid steamship company, wear peculiar hats on their heads, and also vestments, so that people may be able to recognize them and call them "Father", "Reverend," or some other high-sounding name.

The aforementioned advertisement by the steamship company to aid religious services shows that religion, politics and commerce are closely allied together, with the avowed purpose of ruling and controlling this world. The steamship company is not trying to worship God or make any arrangement for His worship; but they hold forth this heathenish religious practice to overawe the people and afford the clergy an opportunity to rake in the shekels and thus carry on their racket. Reasonable and sensible persons see the absurdity of such practice, and they know that there is no sincerity connected with it, that the same is not done to honor God and Christ Jesus, but rather to dishonor Them; and this is further proved by the fact that the Nazis have made this arrangement for their religious allies.

In the performance of what the aforementioned advertisement designates "the conduct of religious service", the officiating clergyman goes through a senseless ceremony and often utters words in a foreign language that no one present understands, and such is done to impress the people of his 'goodness and greatness'. It is no wonder that Jesus referred to such as hypocrites. Those men utter what they call prayers, but their prayers never get out even from the top of the ship, and certainly they never reach to the throne of heaven. These "officiating clergymen" repeat their "prayers", so called, over and over again, hoping by such means to put them across and get them even out of the ship. How ridiculous this whole matter appears to the Lord, and how nauseating it is to Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, is indicated by what Jesus said to His faithful disciples with reference to prayer. Said Jesus: "And when thou pray-

est, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him."—Matthew 6:5-8.

Thus it is seen that Jesus denounces such religious practice as hypocritical, performed to be seen of men; and this stamps with conclusive proof that the altars advertised in the Nazi ships are there for the purpose of helping religionists to carry on their racket.

Hypocrites are an abomination and despicable in the sight of the Lord, and hence they are doers of evil. The Lord so states, (Matthew 24:48-51) Do the prayers of these hypocrites get out of the top of the ship and reach the Lord? The apostle Peter, who was a true follower of Christ Jesus and therefore a true worshiper of God, answers: "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."—1 Peter 2:12.

It is stated that these altars are for the convenience of any and all clergymen, regardless of the denomination. The Jews hate the name of Jesus, and refuse to worship Him,

and therefore when the Jewish rabbi ~~uses~~ the altar he has to turn it around and ~~use~~ the other side. It would appear, then, ~~that when~~ the Catholic clergyman uses it, he would have to sprinkle a lot of 'holy water' on the altar to remove the objectionable things put there by the Jews, and when it comes to the Protestant preacher he would have to close his eyes to all. The whole matter appears so absolutely ridiculous that any sensible person can see that religious practice indulged in, like that described by the advertisement above mentioned, is a dishonor to God and to Christ Jesus, and should be avoided by all those who love righteousness and who want to go in the right way.

Recently the Hierarchy's alliance with Nazism has been exposed by this and kindred publications, and now the Hierarchy, the pope and the public press are trying to camouflage their position by publishing in America that the pope is against Nazism and Fascism. By so doing they fool some of the credulous Catholic population all the time, and thereby hold them in subjection. The statement of Abraham Lincoln, however, is certainly appropriate here: "You can fool some of the people all the time, and all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." The time is here for the people to get their eyes open to the crookedness and hypocrisy of the religious racketeers. Sincere men will see that their hope must be centered only in Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ Jesus. The people of good will will readily turn away from religion and become true Christians by being obedient to Jehovah's commandments.

Illinois

Poltergeist in Blue Island

◆ The *New Standard Dictionary* definition of *poltergeist* is:

A ghost or spirit that makes its presence known by any kind of clatter, such as knockings and the noises of moving objects.

The *New International Dictionary* definition of *poltergeist* is:

A noisy ghost; a spirit assumed as the explanation of rappings and other unexplained noises.

A Bible account of a case of poltergeist follows, but dictionary-makers have fallen under

the influence of the clergy and hence have no faith in the Bible, and their definitions suffer on that account. Poltergeist is nothing less than physical manifestations of unseen spirits, demons, devils, if you please.

In Blue Island, Illinois, 18 persons undertook to find out why beds carefully made in their presence were all tumbled up and the pillows thrown on the floor as soon as the door was closed. Meantime all windows and other means of approach to the room were

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carefully locked. The newspapers did not know how to explain it, the preachers did not know how to explain it; and yet see how simple it is to explain such a phenomenon when one reads and believes the Word of God:

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed; and running to him, saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples, that they should cast him out; and they could not.

He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation! how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child: and oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.—Mark 9: 14-29.

Vivisection Tortures in Chicago

◆ During the year 1934 more than 6,300 dogs caught in the streets of Chicago were turned over to the torturers. Of these, 1,512 were surrendered to the University of Chicago, 1,476 to Northwestern University, 1,215 to the University of Illinois, and smaller numbers to four other institutions. When dogs are tortured at the leading hospital in Sydney, Australia, the vocal chords are cut, the same as at Wisconsin University. Tortures proceed with the same pleasure if a dog is pregnant as if otherwise.

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Chicago Bookkeepers

◆ Chicago bookkeepers are in a class by themselves. They have to juggle the figures of their employers so that they will tell one story to the Federal government and another to the county assessors, and this requires great ability, especially since the county assessor now has access to the Federal income tax returns. Westbrook Pegler tells how one Chicago concern, reporting, in one kind of bookkeeping, no property at all in 1936, had \$414,000 worth, in another kind of bookkeeping, the next year. And a second concern that, in one kind of bookkeeping, had \$857 worth in 1936, had \$2,746,000 worth, in another kind of bookkeeping, a year later. Wherever a railroad or highway enters the city of Chicago a huge signboard should be erected bearing the cheerful slogan, "Abandon honesty, all ye who enter here."

At Jacksonville, Illinois

◆ At Jacksonville, Illinois, state hospital for the insane, twelve attendants were discharged for drunkenness and eleven others were suspended for fifteen days. These men had figured out quite a system. Inmates were solicited for loans, the proceeds of which were used in the drinking festivities, and when they wanted their money back they were told that the loans were merely figments of their disordered minds.

Chicago Police!!!

◆ Chicago police, encouraged by their Memorial Day massacre, produced in court a "confession" of Thomas McCall, owner of an engraving concern, that he had assaulted Virginia Austin in a hotel in that fair city. He was sentenced to prison for five years. After he had been in prison five months a colored boy confessed to assaulting Miss Austin and killing four other women. Nice police.

Waukegan's City Council

◆ The meeting of Waukegan, Ill., city council is no light affair. Everybody in the Waukegan administration attends. In fact, so many attended that while the meeting was in session burglars broke into the office of the city clerk, which is in the same building, and during the session somebody stole the car of one of the aldermen attending the meeting. It's great to be great.



The Pope as a Man of War

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◆ Says Miss J. M. C. Toynbee in a letter to the *New Statesman*, November 2, 1935:

Up to the present, the Church in Italy has enjoyed liberty of conscience and of action under Fascism which it would undoubtedly be deprived of if Communism or anti-clerical liberalism gained power.

In plain words this would mean that Pope Pius XI reasoned as follows: The Lateran accord of 1929 had wed the fate of the Catholic Church to Fascism. If Mussolini were to fail in his Ethiopian venture and if a liberal government were to replace Fascism, the Church would lose all the privileges gained through the concordat. The Church in Italy might even suffer the fate it has suffered in Russia, Mexico and Spain.



This is the only and true reason for the pope's attitude; it implies that whenever it will be called upon to choose between justice and peace on one hand and special privileges for the Church on the other, he will choose the latter.

Our Catholics, unable to use the only good explanation which was not true, nor the true one which was not good, insisted that the pope had maintained his neutrality throughout. Apart from the fact that this statement is at variance with truth, it is an indictment of the "shepherd and master" who had closed his lips while a moral problem was troubling the conscience of mankind.

The archbishop of Westminster undertook to prove that "neutrality" was not only inevitable for the pope, but also the only justifiable course. He refers to the pope as a defenseless old man entirely at the mercy of his neighbors. Can there be a more dishonorable defense? To think that the pope would abandon his duty to "guide and to instruct" simply because he was menaced by Mussolini's Fascist hordes!

But even this argument does not hold water. The same Pope Pius XI during the conflict with Mussolini did not hesitate to publish encyclicals directed against Il Duce.

To the question of how the pope could remain neutral "in the present case when a great power was preparing to perpetrate the greatest injustice by attacking a weaker nation without cause and in violation of solemn agreements", a Jesuit Father in America offered up this feeble justification: "The pope is intent upon finding a way to end this war as quickly as possible. If he were a judge instead of a 'pacifier', peace would be delayed much longer."

Many people believe that Mussolini has destroyed the edifice of international good will when he violated the covenant of the League of Nations.

With this view we cannot agree. The edifice of good will is not destroyed because the gangster follows his trade. It is threatened with destruction because policemen and judges whose duty it is to apprehend the gangster and punish him have joined him in his plottings. British and French diplomats who masqueraded as the police of the League of Nations were in reality Mussolini's accomplices. At the same time Pius XI, instead of making the force of his moral and spiritual protests felt, assisted Mussolini in every way and with every means.

It is only just to admit that some of the Catholic leaders outside of Italy have realized the immorality of Mussolini's actions. It is not less just to say they have attributed to the pope a policy which is the exact opposite of the policy which Pius XI has followed in this war.

Saint Bridget

◆ The McKeesport (Pa.) *Daily News* contains the information that St. Bridget is the patron saint of milk. Never heard of that before, but it is probably all O.K. Logically there should be some other "saint" to represent the tail that keeps the flies off the cow, and it would be no surprise to learn that there are several more "saints" looking after that end of the cow.

10,000 Boys and Girls

◆ More than ten thousand lovable and beautiful Spanish boys and girls had been killed up to the end of March by the German and Italian bombers under General Franco, and

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half as many more were wounded. The killed, as compiled by the minister of public health, were distributed as follows:

Madrid	879	Guadalajara and	
Barcelona	598	Madrid Provinces	1,879
Valencia	329	Jaen and Province	211
Asturias and Gijon	1,214	Ciudad Real,	
Santander and		Cuenca, and Alba-	
Province	1,247	cete Provinces	2,011
Bilbao and Basque		Catalonia (exclud-	
Provinces	694	ing Barcelona)	1,647

Could Do What Franco Did (?)

♦ To show what is in the back of Coughlin's head, just consider the following, remembering at the same time that it is the claim of the Roman Catholic Church that it is the one and only true church of Christ and that therefore none but Catholics are Christians:

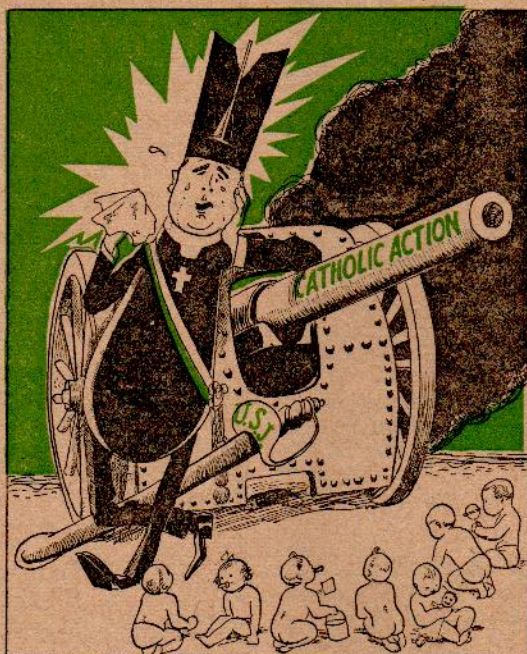
We as Christians have been content to hold our own. We have not followed our leaders. We have not gone forth to do or die. I say that we Christians with a united front could go forth and do in one year in the United States what Franco has accomplished in Spain.—America's Fascist Windbag, the "Reverend Father" Charles E. Coughlin, in an address in St. Patrick's, Lagro, Indiana.

A Million Starving Children

Probably a million children undernourished, inadequately clothed, many dying from the slow torture of starvation, many sick and many wounded, and many fatherless and motherless and homeless and with no place to lay their heads.

Scores of thousands of children of tender age are slowly starving. Hundreds of thousands are dangerously undernourished and hundreds of thousands are inadequately clothed. Yes, two-thirds of the coming generation on which the future of a great, historic

country rests are so gravely undernourished that their weakened bodies cannot withstand the attack of disease. Many thousands of nursing babies are suffering and dying from the lack of milk, and the nursing mothers themselves, existing on starvation rations, cannot furnish proper sustenance. Many actually have starved to death. Many have perished from exposure.—Claude G. Bowers, United States ambassador to Spain.



Coughlin deploring the decency of some in not going in for baby-killing a la Franco.

right on afterwards, the same as before. The result, however, was to give many half-witted American editors a chance to spread-eagle in their papers the "kindness and tenderheartedness" of one of the most villainous and cruel monsters of history.

Pope Not in Politics (?)

♦ A short time ago the pope burst into print with a great wail that he was misunderstood by a certain Catholic writer who had denounced his political activities, and, in a pathetic cry to the newspapers and the Venerable Toadstools that sit in with him on his racket, he was not in politics, positively not. That lie lasted several weeks, which is a pretty good record for the Vatican. It was all upset by the following "Religious News Service" dis-

Pressure on the Pope

♦ On March 18 Prime Minister Chamberlain told the British House of Commons that he viewed the Barcelona bombings of civilian populations with horror and disgust and that France was seeking to persuade the pope to make an appeal to stop further exhibitions of such terrorization. It may be added that the French appeal accomplished something; for the pope did shortly thereafter, for the looks of the thing, advise his star murderer, Franco, to desist from further bombing of cities, but, of course, the bombings went

patch from London, under date of March 22, 1938, published in the *Pittsburgh Press* of that date. It tells its own story:

The contention of Cardinal Van Roey, Catholic primate of Belgium, that bishops are bound to make known to those under their authority their judgment on political ideals, and to favor or condemn political parties, has been approved by the pope.

Cardinal Van Roey had written to his clergy saying that the doctrinal, or governing act of the Hierarchy was binding in conscience from the very moment the religious authorities manifested their thought and will. This authority extended to the whole domain of salvation. Nor was the political sphere closed to it.

"The hierarchic authority is perfectly entitled to pronounce on any political party or political movement in so far as that party or movement opposes religious well-being or the precepts of Christian morals," added the cardinal.

He repudiated the suggestion that religious and non-religious affairs can be kept in separate watertight compartments.

In view of the controversy which raged over this pronouncement, and in view of the importance of the subject, the cardinal submitted his declaration to the pope.

In a letter to Cardinal Van Roey conveying to him the pope's approval, Cardinal Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, said that the teaching of the Belgian primate is completely based on the great pontifical encyclicals which deal with present-day problems.

For "Freedom of Faith" Temple

◆ Michael Williams, editor of the Roman Catholic magazine *The Commonweal*, is strong for a "Freedom of Faith" temple at the World's Fair in New York.

Here are a few contributed suggestions:

Let one side of the building show in letters of fire the putting the screws on Gimbel Brothers' Philadelphia radio station WIP, forcing Judge Rutherford off the air. On the opposite side have Judge Holleran, of Irvington, making the judicial and tolerant statement to O. R. Moyle, counsel for Jehovah's witnesses: "I will stab you in the back every time I get a chance." In front have a picture of the scene at New Philadelphia, Pa., where the population was incited to assault Jehovah's witnesses, damage their cars, and tear up their literature. The rear scene could be Judge Frank Romano, of Hoboken, making a woman pay a fine of \$25 for being one of Jehovah's witnesses, and asking his political boss, who stood by his side at the time, if that would be all right. If these suggestions for the fa-

gades are acceptable, Jehovah's witnesses can supply a great variety of absolutely truthful scenes, enacted in almost every part of the United States, where freedom of faith to misuse and maltreat American citizens has been exercised to the limit. Freedom of Faith? Sure!

500 Criminal Careers

◆ A table in Glueck's *Five Hundred Criminal Careers* shows that every inmate of the Massachusetts Reformatory was a religious believer; 66.3 percent of the prisoners were Catholic, 28.6 percent Protestant, 3.9 percent Hebrew, and 1.2 percent adhered to other religions. The important fact established in this book is that out of 510 men who left the Massachusetts Reformatory during the years 1911-12, 80 percent were not reformed five to fifteen years later.—*The Truth Seeker*.

Gave His Friend a Black Eye

◆ When, at a Red Mass, at St. Charles Borromeo's Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., "Reverend Father" William E. Cashin described the legal, medical and ministerial professions as "separate channels all from the same source" having for their purpose "making clear to men the will of God" he certainly gave a black eye to the medical and legal professions and also to his friend "the god of this world".—2 Corinthians 4:4.

The Official Baby-Killer

◆ Franco the Butcher, the official baby-killer, continues to make the headlines. As late as May 25, 1938, his planes bombed the civil population of Alicante, Spain. The principal objective was that of women lined up to buy food; of whom 250 were killed and 1,000 injured, 1 out of every 48 of the population.

The Children of Spain

◆ Refugees, fleeing before Franco's Moors, Italians and Germans, increased the population of Catalonia from 6,000,000 to 14,000,000. Many of these are children, of whom one-third are already tubercular. Except in the war area, most of the sick receive no care whatever.

Kansas City Catholics Tipped Off

◆ Under the claim of taking a census of Catholics in that territory Kansas City, Mo., was combed by Catholic workers and a little booklet entitled "The Truth About Catholics" was placed in each Protestant home, but no books were left in the homes of Catholics.

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By Trail and Stream and Garden Path—October Night



SALLY "IT'S a little chilly this evening," Sally remarked as she climbed over the top bar of a gate.

"Yes, there's frost in the air," replied Jane. "We'll be having snow-flakes soon."

"Look at this big corn shock!" called Buddy. "Wish Bunny could be here."

"This is too long a walk for Bunny."

"Ouch!" cried Sally. "This stubble is hard on the feet."

"We'll sit down soon and rest a while."

"Jane, here's a strawstack. Let's climb up on top. It will be fun resting there."

"Fine! Does that suit you, Sally?"

"Yes, I'd like that."

Soon three figures were outlined against the sky, side by side, on top of the strawstack.

"The moon is so bright I can see a long way off," said Buddy.

"The stars are bright, too," added Sally.

"We should see some 'shooting stars' if we watch carefully."

"What makes them fall like that?" Sally asked.

"What we call 'shooting' or 'falling' stars are not really stars at all. They are meteors. They pass fairly close to us at times and we get a fleeting glimpse of them."

"I see the big dipper," Buddy announced, pointing skyward. "And there's the North Star."

"And across there is the Milky Way," murmured Jane.

"Where?" asked Sally.

"Across the sky—there, that whitish or milky streak."

"What makes it there?" questioned Buddy.

"It is made of a great number of stars so far away that they seem to us to be quite close together, and the light from them makes a streak or band around the heavens."

"That's funny," Buddy said to himself as he leaned far backward to trace the branches of the Milky Way.

"Such beauty!" sighed Jane. "And look across there, where the moon makes dark shadows and light spots all among the rows of corn shocks."

Suddenly a strange cry sounded from the clump of trees in the hollow some distance away.

Sally shuddered. "What was that?"

Buddy laughed. "That was only a little screech owl. Listen. Hear him?"

"Well, I don't like it," answered Sally. "It's the creepiest sound I ever heard."

"We have company," said Jane, "right at our feet."

"Where?" asked Buddy.

"I don't see a thing," declared Sally.

"Neither do I," replied Jane. "But buried out of sight in the straw, just near the toe of my shoe, is a little black cricket. He is quiet now, but in a moment we will hear him again."

"I hear him, now," Buddy whispered. "Only maybe I ought to say, 'I hear her.'"

"No, 'him' is right. You see, the female cricket does not sing. She leaves that up to the head of the house."

"Where do crickets stay in winter?" asked Buddy.

"When winter comes," answered Jane, "most crickets die. But in the ground are laid eggs which will hatch the next spring."

"How do crickets sing?" Buddy wanted to know.

"Perhaps singing is not quite the word for it," answered Jane. "Though we speak of the cricket as a singing insect, he really is a—well, let us say a violinist. By rubbing two little wings together, as a violinist draws a bow across the strings, he makes the sound which we call his 'song'."

"How wonderful!" breathed Sally. "However he does it, I like to hear him."

"He is a cheery little fellow," Jane replied.

"We'd better be going home now," said Sally.

"Let's slide down the strawstack," cried Buddy.

"I never slid down one," said Sally.

"There's nothing to it," answered Jane. "Stick out your feet, hold up your arms, and away you go!"

"There!" laughed Jane, as they reached the ground. "Wasn't that fun?"

"Oh, yes!" cried Sally.—Contributed.

Black Widow Spider's Eggs



The black widow spider lays her eggs enclosed in a neat paper-like bag of silk. When the eggs are hatched the little spiders, hundreds of them, come forth from a little hole in the bag.

Natural Phenomena

"The Whole County's on Fire"

◆ Early on the morning of January 22, 1938, the telephone bell rang, the assistant county fire warden at Santa Paula, Calif., leaped from bed to hear an excited voice at the other end of the line say, "The whole county's on fire." The fire warden jumped into his automobile (this was at 3:00 a.m.) and drove thirty miles before he discovered that he was trying to locate and put out the most beautiful display of the aurora borealis California has seen in many years. San Diego thought a great fire was roaring. At many other places the people were routed out of bed thinking that some great conflagration was under way.

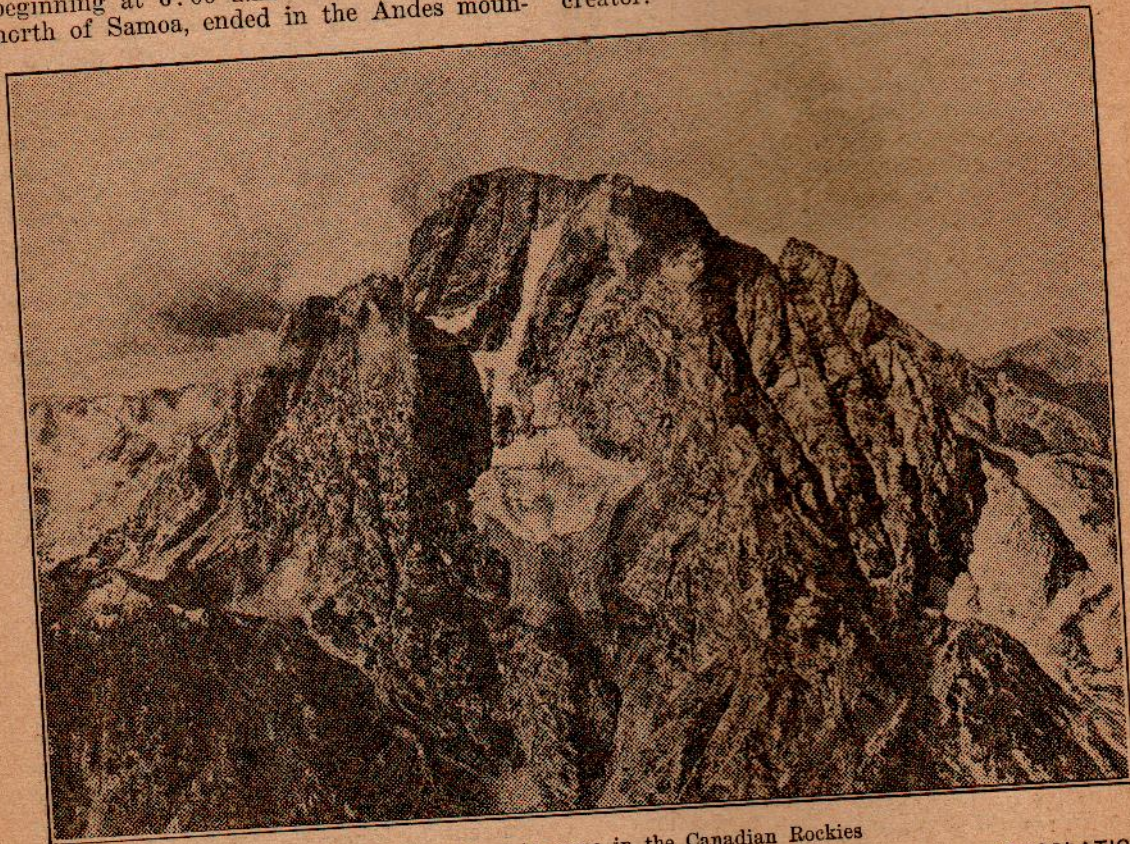
Eclipse 'Ended the Day Before It Began'

◆ Owing to the fact that the path of the longest eclipse of the sun in 1,238 years crossed the international date line, the eclipse beginning at 6:00 a.m. on June 9, a little north of Samoa, ended in the Andes moun-

tains of Peru in the late afternoon of June 8. Now try to explain that to somebody.

The Canadian Rockies

◆ When speaking of the Rocky mountains one is prone to limit the term to the western mountains of the United States, forgetting that they continue on into Canada and Alaska, forming one general chain or system, and lose themselves, as it were, in the Aleutian islands, which may be viewed as a series of submerged peaks. The Canadian Rockies, though not as high as those of the United States, equal the latter in impressive grandeur and beauty, and in some sections present scenic effects that are awe-inspiring and impressive in a manner rivaling, if not excelling, that of the United States chain. The photograph on this page presents an illustration of the rugged character of these majestic peaks, which stand as silent witnesses to the glory of an almighty creator.




A majestic mountain scene in the Canadian Rockies

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Britain

Britain's Fascist Premier

 "I am no Fascist," declares Mr. Neville Chamberlain on the first anniversary of his premiership. We welcome the disavowal. But actions speak louder than affirmations. The country, gravely disquieted by the events of the past twelve months, will expect Mr. Chamberlain to answer for his record of deeds.

In one speech, he destroyed the Collective Peace system built up and preserved by seventeen years of toilsome advocacy and sacrificing effort. He denounced Great Britain's solemn pledges by throwing unconquered Abyssinia to the Fascist aggressors. He tore up more solemn treaties and stood aside when Hitler, by the process of undeclared war, turned Austria into a Nazi hell. He shirks action to end Japanese militarism's rape of China. He continues to flout international law by refusing Spanish democracy the arms it needs to defeat Fascist invasion. He negotiates with Mussolini a pact which postulates the murder of Spanish democracy.

When his actions force members of his own government to revolt, he promotes notorious pro-Fascists to high office in the State.

Mr. Chamberlain has not destroyed Collective Peace, denied the League the moral strength which he complains it lacks and struck a mortal blow at European democracy because he is a pacifist. He has entered into vague commitments with France and Belgium. He tells the British people that, if necessary, he will involve them in war for Portugal, for Iraq, for Egypt and for the inalienable right of British investors to rob the native populations of Jamaica and Trinidad. In respect of these commitments, he piles

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up a burden of armaments threatening the home country with bankruptcy.

What, then, is Mr. Chamberlain's policy? It is to do a deal with Europe's dictators, to strengthen Fascism everywhere, whatever the cost, now and in the future, to our peace and our democracy.

Is the country behind this policy? It is not. Mr. Chamberlain stamps upon the election pledges of his own party. He mocks political

democracy. However he chooses to describe himself, that is the record he is called upon to answer. — *Reynolds' News*.

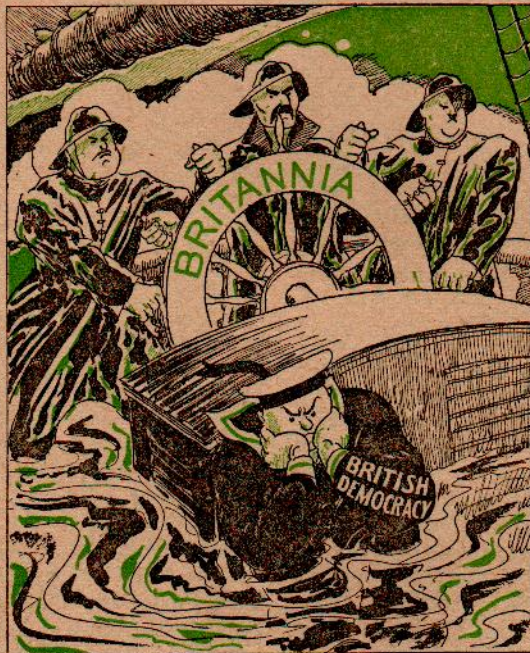
Mussolini's Clever Squeezes

The Washington Merry-Go-Round draws attention to Mussolini's skill as a squeezer. To help the Japanese aggression in China he started the submarine piracy in the Mediterranean, so as to keep British ships from going east. More recently. Just now he embarrasses France by placing Italian troops on the border of Tunis, in which land Italy has more Italians than France has French.

The squeeze in this instance was to keep France from helping Czechoslovakia. France itself is in peril from the German-Italian airdromes in Spain just south of the French border. The airdromes are reported to be 300 feet underground, impervious to bombing, and they are closed to Spaniards.

Mexico's Taunt to Britain

♦ Britain insisted on immediate payment of an \$85,000 claims annuity. Mexico complied with the demand, at the same time recalling its envoy in London and taunting the British government by reminding Britannia of her large and overdue debt to the United States.



Never a lack of a helmsman

Story of the Market-House

◆ In the parish of St. Peter, island of Guernsey, marketing was carried on in ill-protected stalls around the church square. The losses to vendors by rains and the inconvenience to buyers made the need of a covered market-house keenly felt and some public-spirited citizen took the matter in hand to have one built. An estimate of the size of house required brought its approximate cost in money to \$22,000, and to raise this amount of money became the question with the promoters of the scheme. It was a question, however, of easy solution, as they had thousands of precedents. They drew up a petition setting forth the need of a market-house and desiring the governor to issue interest-bearing bonds, to be negotiated in Paris or London for the money wherewith to erect the building. To said petition were appended the signatures of some three hundred householders in the parish, and a committee was appointed to present the same to Gov. Brock.

A MONEY INFIDEL!

It happened that, while the people were money-worshippers, that is, believed in the omnipotence of money, Governor Brock, on the contrary, was a money infidel, that is, did not believe that money was able to do the least thing. Consequently, when the people presented the petition, superstition and science came into conflict. The governor set to work, with arguments, to prevent the citizens from going into debt and becoming tributary to bankers in Paris or London. After explaining to the committee that all the money in the world could not make nor lay a brick, could not plane nor nail a plank in the proposed market-house, with little effect, he finally struck the right way and reached their understanding as follows:

A TERRIBLE COMMUNIST!

"Will you permit me," he asked the committee, "to place before you some very simple questions?" Then, continuing, "Have we the necessary number of mechanics to build the said house?" The committee replied that they had, adding that, owing to dull times, many workers were out of employment and would be glad to have jobs. This reply the governor put down on paper, summarily thus: "We have the men." He then asked about the materials—rocks, bricks, lumber, lime, sand, tools, teams, as well as all the requisites to be found

to maintain the men and teams while the work was being executed. To all these questions the committee had to reply affirmatively, because the whole was to be found in the parish. The governor set down on his list each in the order given. Holding, then, the list in his hands, he, with full assurance of being in the right, addressed the committee as follows: "Here you tell me that we have among ourselves everything needed to build the market-house, yet you desire me to bond you to bankers for a material which is of no manner of use in the construction of the house. Strange anomaly!" . . .

THE "MONEY MYTH"

"It is true," remarked one of the committee, "that we have men and materials, but we lack the money to pay the men and to buy the materials."

"Friends," replied the governor, "when a man gets paid for work done or materials furnished, it means he has worked for others and sold the materials. Is it your intention to build a house for bankers? If so, then you are right in demanding pay from those bankers. But, in such case, you should not place yourselves under bondage besides. If those bankers pay you for the house, and hold you in bondage also, demanding annual tribute, they will soon have both the house and the money they paid you. It will be no relief to say that we make the renters of the market-house pay tribute to the bankers. The renters will be a part of us, and they will demand of their customers that tribute in higher prices for goods. So we jointly will have to pay tribute in perpetuity for an article which, as I said, is of no use to us. Allow me, gentlemen, to propose a better plan for building our market-house. Having, as you avow, men and materials, all that is necessary in the case is to keep account of each man's contributions of work or materials. In the future, we may balance equitably the expenses of the building. Instead of bonds, I will issue \$22,000 market-house scrips, of different denominations (as money), and with these pay the men and purchase the materials, then make these scrips receivable at par with legal tender money for the rent of the stalls."

THEY DID IT!

The committee, after some hesitation, assented to the governor's plan. Most of the citizens also agreed to it. The "scrips" were

issued, the materials procured, the men put to work, the building erected, and the stalls rented. The scrips circulated in the island at par. Every month's rent reduced their quantity, and in less than ten years all were back in the public treasury and stamped "Canceled", and thus ended the life of the Guernsey Market-House scrips. The house had been built, the contributions of materials and work were now all paid with the goods they had purchased at the market-house, or indirectly elsewhere, and not one cent lost to the people in discounting bonds or interest.

AND IT WORKED

Now for a word as to how this plan worked in Fairhope, Alabama: In their early days in the wilderness, on the eastern shore of Mobile bay, without railroad facilities or other means of intercourse with the outside world, the people's isolation was keenly felt and a boat wharf was urgently needed where passing steamers could load and unload their cargoes. The colony was growing and the need of a wharf was with every passing day more apparent. Finally someone suggested, "Use the Guernsey Market-House plan and build the wharf." The plan was looked up and adopted as the only rational way out. The scrips were issued in various denominations, the materials purchased, men hired and set to work, and the wharf was built. Its use eventually paid for itself.—*The Epic News*.

Lying All the Time

◆ Mussolini is still leading us up the garden path. Not a word he says can we believe, and he will cheat Mr. Chamberlain yet. I think Mr. Chamberlain has a subconscious sympathy with Fascist governments in other parts of the world. I think he is that sort of man. Mussolini has been lying all the time. That is Fascism, which believes in lying as a deliberate instrument of safe policy. — Herbert Morrison, British M.P., in an address at Crewe.

Fewer New Cars on the Road

◆ The production of private cars for the nine months ending June showed a decrease of approximately 10 percent on the corresponding period for last year, the figures being 275,000 in 1938 as against 309,000 last year. So states the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Commercial vehicles showed a similar decline, from 91,000 in 1937 to 82,000 in 1938.

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"Anti-Blasphemy Bill"



There could be no greater blasphemy than to speak in the name of Jehovah God and teach one lie right after another in absolute defiance and contradiction of His own Word, the Holy Scriptures, but Britain is liable now to have a law which will make it legal to continue to repeat the blasphemous lies and illegal to correct them. The bill called the "Aliens Restriction Bill", presented by Captain Ramsay of Scotland, and formally read in parliament a first time, is alleged in the public press to be intended—

to prevent the participation by aliens in assemblies for the purpose of propagating blasphemous or atheistic doctrines or in other activities calculated to interfere with the established religious institutions of Great Britain.

The object of the bill is so plain that any child familiar with the truth could see through it. The truth regarding God's kingdom and the Devil's kingdoms (of which Great Britain is one), regarding the immortality of the soul, the resurrection, the trinity, the church, the higher powers, the clergy, etc., is so offensive to "the established religious institutions of Great Britain" that something must be done to prevent stirring up the dirt of the Augean stables in which such religious institutions have wallowed for centuries. It will be held that to tell the truth regarding blasphemies is itself blasphemy.

How Does It Come?

◆ How does it come that the Presbyterian Free Church College at Edinburgh could teach its budding preachers the Darwinian, unscriptural, unscientific and foolish guessing as to the creation of man and did nothing to correct it until the Assembly of the Free Church received four protests from congregations that had been taught the idiotic stuff by preachers sent to them? When the cat got out of the bag there was a hurried and secret meeting of the assembly at which they had to decide the question whether to stand by Darwin, as previously, or by the Bible, merely using it as a bread ticket to protect their racket.

Good Advice 250 Years Old

◆ People seldom read a book that is given to them. The way to spread a book is to sell it at a low price. No man will send for and buy a thing that costs even sixpence without an intention to read it.—Samuel Johnson.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Mussolini and Britain

● Il Duce stopped the Italian anti-British radio propaganda when he and Mr. Chamberlain agreed to the pact between the two nations: it was one of the conditions of the pact that this should be done. The pact, however, was not to become operative until Italian troops were withdrawn from Spain. Mussolini has not withdrawn his troops, except those unable to carry on the war in Franco's aid, and it is well known that the Italians in Spain have been reinforced by new arrivals from Italy. But if Il Duce stopped the anti-British propaganda amongst the Arabs he has begun a new way of hitting at Britain. At least this is credibly suggested by a well-known publicist. It is Mussolini's anti-Jew menace. His newspaper more than hints at an understanding between Britain and the Jews, and claims that a working agreement exists with the Jews to get world control. As no paper in Italy (or in Germany) is allowed to print other than that which is inspired or given out by the rulers, this is evidently designed to have an embittering effect on the Arabs, that is, on the Moslem world, and will have the same effect as Mussolini's direct attacks, now professed to be dropped.

German Army Mobilization

● The unusually extensive mobilization of Germany's army and of transport material for the annual maneuvers has caused much comment and a measure of concern in this country, more particularly, of course, among those who are responsible for its affairs. The Paris newspapers, following the lead of most of their politicians, said Hitler's action was a great bluff; but as the mobilization increased in size, and in view of the location of the army, on the Rhine border and on the borders of Czechoslovakia, they became less sure of that. The London papers took much the same view, and in this they probably represent the general feeling of the people; all the same, suspicion and uneasiness has obtained. Hitler has his admirers in the popular press. What Hitler

meant by the large size of his mobilization and the unusually long time in which his army was in the field—at a cost estimated by some at £500,000 a day—was probably not known by anyone, perhaps not by himself. What he would like to do, and purposes some day to accomplish, is well enough known; for he has published that to the world. So long as he is guided by the voices and the thoughts of the demons, he is subject to them, and will go contrary to expectation or to reason and without regard to others if his way is at all open to him. In the meantime Britain is thrown into enormous expense in its purpose to make itself strong against the evil day of war, which the country believes will come soon or late. The preparation is providing work for many who otherwise would be unemployed and chargeable to the country, and this serves to hide the fact that the trade of the country is not sufficient to maintain the workers, and the fact that it is dwindling in bulk and value.

General Franco and Britain

● Franco kept the British Government waiting more than a month before he acknowledged their proposals for the withdrawal of foreign "volunteers" from Spain, upon which depended the operation of the Anglo-Italian agreement, and which purported to lessen the danger of the Spanish war involving all Europe. When he replied he intimated that his counter proposals were not settled, but that he would respond when ready "in a friendly and sympathetic" manner. After more delay he put forward proposals which if accepted would nullify the work of the Non-Intervention Committee, and make the British proposals useless. He wants belligerent rights at once, and concedes the withdrawal of a larger number of foreign volunteers if his proposals are agreed to. Franco believes he could bring his venture to an early successful conclusion if belligerent rights were granted to the Spanish contestants. Either side would then have power to stop and search ships around the Spanish coast or on the high seas; either side could blockade the other's ports, and ships carrying war materials could be seized as prizes of war. It is said that most of the war supplies which reach the Spanish Government forces arrive by sea.

Some think and say it was Mussolini's hand that guided Franco in his reply, and suggest that Mussolini intended to make Spain a vital matter of preoccupation for Britain and

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France while Hitler was perfecting his schemes for seizing Czechoslovakia.

British Communists

● The British Communist party has published some figures concerning itself. When it was first established, in 1920, and for some years afterwards, it was subsidized by Moscow, and its membership did not exceed 5,000. It doubled its numbers during the long coal strike of 1921, and increased in the long labor struggle which culminated in the general strike of 1926. Afterwards the numbers fell to about 3,000, and the party was in a bad way: its leaders were at variance, and Moscow was critical. In 1935 it had no more than 6,500 members; but now it reports 15,750, a large increase. Their report says, "The proportion of unemployed among the membership is small. Since its last congress the influence of the party has grown considerably among wide sections of the middle class and professional people; has increased among university students and is now firmly entrenched in the most important universities." The report has some comments on the Government's air-raid precautions, and describes them as "an attempt on the part of the Government to give the people of the country, at the lowest possible cost, an illusion that they are being protected".

The Churches and the Parsons

● These have been out of the headlines of late. They had their spate of talk, which amounted to nothing. The call to religion fell flat, and their attempt to make something out of the "open Bible" anniversary probably benefited only the Bible sellers. The churches are losing the confidence of the people more all the time. What little is heard of the parsons indicates that they are getting ready to throw in with the army if it must be mobilized for war. They would be pacifists, of course, for the days when the bishops led armies into war are long since gone; but there would be the 'spiritual welfare' of the poor fellows to be looked to, and the call to try to help the men from getting more beast-like than war of necessity makes them. When war comes the parsons are certain to find it a "righteous cause" into which they can throw themselves.

Prayers

● When the preachers say prayers in congregation, to whom do they address them?

The prayers of the larger church organizations are fixed for the clergy, and they must be repeated according to the set form of words. As the form of worship is merely formal and gone through as such, the sentiments of the prayers expressed in fine words meet the requirements of the congregation. The Nonconformist preacher is not bound to set words, but his extempore form of prayer must be couched in fine phrase and words or it is not acceptable to his congregation, which means very frequently that the prayers are "delivered" to the congregation. All such formality of prayer means that they reach no farther, nor go higher than the range of the speaker's voice. At the recent Keswick convention of professed Christians—an annual event, begun by a Church of England clergyman about forty years ago, and kept alive as an annual holiday event—one of the speakers of prayers for missionary work in Africa thanked God "for the fine motor roads in Africa" and prayed God "so to move the hearts of these Christians who can afford luxurious cars that they may help to provide thy servants with mechanical transport". There were very many fine cars parked around the meeting places, and no doubt the speaker expected to get a thrust in sideways. If these men were not blinded by religion they would get a chance to perceive the wrongness of their professed following of Christ. There is a prayer set by the Lord himself for His disciples which covers the greater portion of the needs of those who follow Christ, whether individually or when they meet together for worship. But these huge religionist organizations, which are by no means under the care of God, require much money for their upkeep, and requests for money in the form of prayer to God are among the many means they use to get it. There are other means used, and always under some pressure, so that, as Judge Rutherford has said, religion is the greatest racket the world has known.

Manufacturers' and Distributors' Profits

● The large stores and multiple shop businesses, distributors of general and household goods and sundries, have reported large profits and dividends; some of the figures are surprisingly large. The *Labour Research* journal says, "These rates of dividend, however, in many cases conceal the full magnitude of the profits made." It instances the English Woolworth concern which in its last financial year

reported a profit of £6,781,202, "much of it on shares distributed as bonus in previous years, a profit seventy times as large as the total original English capital, and which means that for every pound held in ordinary shares in 1912 an annual income of £6,750 is now being paid." Another, a competing firm, paid out a 40-percent dividend on a capital of £3,100,000; Boot's Pure Drug company paid 30 percent—this business controls 1,170 shops in Great Britain.

The conditions of employment in the distributive trades are marked by long hours, low wages, insecure and blind employment, and the large number of juvenile and female workers who are engaged in the industry. In the House of Commons R. J. Davies said, "I myself made an inquiry recently in a large city in the North, which showed that it is not uncommon for adult women to be employed at a wage of 15/- [\$3.65] a week, before deductions are made for the meals they are expected to take in the establishment."

The manufacturers have not done so badly. Whether or not they act fairly with their customers cannot always be known. A Glasgow man who has been collecting data for many years (so *Reynolds' News* says) on the practice of unscrupulous manufacturers of pillows and bedding, filling them with injurious and dirty materials, has after many years got the minister of health to investigate the matter. A Rag Flock Act passed in 1911 stopped some of the practices then used by manufacturers; but a loop hole in the Act allows such to fill mattresses and pillows with dirty feathers, human hair and even seaweed. There is no regulation in this country, he says, that prohibits the use of secondhand hog and horse hair from being used in bedding, and from data he has collected, he says, he knows that thousands of tons of such hair are put into 'new' articles of furniture. Old feathers, fifty years old, are used in pillows and sold as new. Britain is the dumping ground for this rubbish. He mentions a consignment of unwashed human hair from China which was imported for upholstery, but the use of which for that purpose he was the means of preventing. We have seen a mattress cut open which disclosed old corsets only partly ripped up, and various other old clothing, and which mattress had been purchased from a reputable store. Before the above-mentioned Rag Flock Act came into operation there was a great business done

in the importation of old clothing gathered from all parts of the world. The garments of all descriptions were put into a "devil" disintegrator, torn into bits, further treated in order to make the material look somewhat like wool flocks for bedding.

Unemployment

● A. V. Alexander, M.P., told a meeting of a Co-operative summer school that "despite the heavy expenditure on arms, involving the employment of nearly one million people, there are today 1,800,000 unemployed". He added, "And despite six years of protection, restrictions and quotas, the balance of trade against Britain is much more serious than it was in 1931. If the argument for protection really held good, then we ought to have seen it largely reduced in volume since 1931, and no serious decline in employment."

Labor

● It is reported that British shipyards are short of work: new contracts for merchant ships are scarce; there are not as many as trade conditions would call for. At the same time shipyards on the Continent are booking valuable orders from British shipowners. It is estimated that orders amounting to £4,000,000 have recently been placed by British firms with shipbuilders in Holland, Germany and Scandinavia. British building costs are high in comparison with those on the Continent. Wages costs enter into the matter, but the cost of materials is perhaps the chief item. War preparations are responsible for higher costs in almost all material, and those who have an opportunity of making something extra while the going is good are ready for the chance. It is said that the home yards which specialize in the building of vessels for the British coastal trade are feeling the shortage of work. They can build vessels second to none; but they are undercut in price by foreign builders, who get the work. Money knows nothing of the patriotism which is so loudly applauded by some of those who could help. It must be admitted that no nation can live to itself, and there must be give and take both in international trade and in work. The noisy propaganda "Buy British" of a few years ago probably did as much harm to the country as it did good to the local trade; and some of the stores that covered their windows with this show of patriotism kept their shelves well laden with "foreign" produce.

Spring Green — Cover Design for This Number

IT IS hard for those who live in the northern hemisphere to realize that in the other half of the world *Consolation* subscribers are enjoying the full evidences of Spring. Yet that is the case, and in Australia, where there are many enthusiastic boosters of this journal, they are looking forward to all that spring and summer mean, while here, in North America, as well as in England, readers are preparing for the siege of winter and consoling themselves with the thought of pleasant evenings spent in the warmth of the home reading a certain magazine, which modesty causes one to refrain from mentioning more particularly.

Last winter the cover illustrations were all decidedly wintry in outlook, and so, by way of contrast and variety, Spring Green appears in October, as it does in Australia, New Zealand and, of course, South Africa; though these lands, and particularly Africa, are so much closer to the equator than is New York that perhaps their readers will smile a little at the enthusiasm with which dwellers in more

temperate zones hail the advent of Spring. And even then, sometimes Spring is a little disappointing, as when it is colder than it by right should be. At such times the odes of welcome may be somewhat subdued, as, for instance, the following:

Sprig, sprig, O joyous sprig!
Of thee I faind would loudly sig.
The labkid gabbols od the greed,
To keeb hibself a liddle warb I weed.

So one hopes that Spring in the remote southern climes is just a little more genial and that, though it marks no great variation in temperature, yet it comes with accompaniments that make it welcome none the less.

Whether the illustration approximates scenes in those regions where Spring is now an actuality is, of course, uncertain. It at least is representative of the American and English countryside, and since the southern lands mentioned are also inhabited by English-speaking peoples, the illustration may not lack the appeal of the familiar.

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The Men and the Hats



Those things called "hats" the ladies wear are enough to make men swear. It's not the cost—let's get it straight—that makes the male heart palpitate and strangers stop and stare and gawk at every female on the walk. It's not the color that they wear in those contraptions on their hair; nor how they tie them on with bows, anchored safely while it blows, that causes men to rant and weep when'er they venture down the street.

Nor does the ordinary man observe the millinery plan enough to know what is in style when hats parade along the aisle. To him the wearing of a wimple is only to adorn a dimple; and whether black or green or pink, or trimmed with tools from the kitchen sink, a woman's hat is a work of art, to which there is no counterpart.

And what she pins upon her hat, or whether this or whether that, few men would dare to be so bold as to criticize or scold. Let 'em wear upon their crowns things that make 'em look like clowns. Who is man, to tell a maid that her hat looks like a spade? Why should he object to feathers, vegetables, fruits or leathers? It isn't what she wears, or why, but it's those shapes that make us cry!

But when we stop to contemplate how very strange and out of date a dame would be unless her pate was topped with such a hod or crate, we must admit they know what's cute—that's why we chorus, "She's a beaut!"—*Spokesman Review*.

Help!

A gallant young husband was trying to teach his new and nervous wife to drive a car.

They were on a narrow country road and the wife had been driving for only a short time when she exclaimed:

"Take the wheel quickly, darling—here comes a tree!"—*Labor*.

Eau Seau?

There was a young lady named Fleau,
 She had a good-looking beau.
 Said Fleau to her beau, Let us geau to a sheau.
 Said her beau, If you'll bleau, Fleau, I'll geau.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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A Critical Review of "Mein Kampf"



ATTENTION is here drawn to an edition of *Mein Kampf* copyrighted 1939 by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., bearing the warning,

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It is no doubt due to the presence on the sponsor's committee of a monsignor and several reverends that the real world significance of Nazism as set out in *Mein Kampf* is so sadly neglected in the annotations supplied by the editorial sponsors, and while the editorial sponsors no doubt labored to produce a reliable set of complementary notes in the efforts to unmask or refute Hitler, the real power behind him and the Nazis remains unchallenged and untouched.

The whole intent and self-confessed motive behind this translation is one of attack against a devilish system now endangering the entire civilization of this globe. This motive is inspired by a desire to arm the opponents of

Nazism by placing in their hands categorical information calculated to defeat the Nazi idea in this country. If they have failed to do this, then the book remains an effort not only of doubtful value, but one that can place in the hands of unscrupulous men the tools wherewith to destroy democracy.

Failure to Expose

That they have failed to touch or expose the one force that enables Hitler to destroy democracy in other lands in favor of the totalitarian idea is the pathetic truth that promises well for Hitler and his cause. It must be concluded that fear and a childish haste to accept newspaper reports of questionable value thus cheats a waiting nation of its righteous cause. That this exposé would shock the religious susceptibilities of some is no excuse, and the committee has refused to investigate plain and easily proved clues to the reason for the power of the Nazis in countries other than Germany.

The facts brought to light in the events surrounding the destruction of Czechoslovakia, and the grabbing of Austria, plainly indicate that within the boundaries of every country Hitler has a nucleus of Nazi-minded men who labor unceasingly in his interest. That nucleus is a political-religious organization of world-wide dimensions and is known as the Roman Catholic Church and its dupes.

Had these editorial sponsors been true to their professed ideal of sounding the alarm against a foreign foe, whose avowed aim is the destruction of democracy, they would have uncovered the fact of Roman Catholic dominance in Germany; the destruction of a republican government in Spain, at the pope's behest, and with the aid of his strong-arm squad under Mussolini and Hitler; the part Catholic priests played in the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; the blessing of the pope on

Mussolini's Ethiopian rapacity; the betrayal of Austria by the pope and Hierarchy by the person of Cardinal Innitzer; the Fascistic ranting and Jew-baiting of Charles Coughlin; the Fascistic régime of Cardinal Villeneuve in Quebec; and the whole train of underground conspiracy now easily discernible in every nation on earth.

Had they been true to their task, they would have warned the nation that every Catholic church is a hotbed of the totalitarian idea, that, by lies, prejudice and fear, these churches have brought their people to a unit in support of such an idea; that this foreign power either controls Hitler or he controls it; and that it is the duty of every true American to set his face against Catholic dominance in America.

Trivialities Magnified



Inconsistently, the editorial committee carefully traces Hitler's early beginnings and endeavors to discover the kind of fare that made his warped mentality what it is, and ignores the most important clue of all; to wit, Hitler's youth as a Roman Catholic, his study of politics in Roman Catholic Austria, and the very Roman Catholic nature of his aims, ideals and actions to which he abundantly testifies in his book.

That he is a Roman Catholic of unimpeachable tutelage is proved by the perfect accord between his ideas and the political dogmas of the Vatican. For instance, the Vatican, as the author of the "divine right of kings", is really opposed to democracy, if only for the reason that the Catholic church cannot become the state church in nations that have democracy. Hitler is fanatical on the 'divinity of rulers' and hates democracy with equal fervor.

The works of Hitler speak louder than the smoke-screen used to conceal his position as the head of the new Catholic Inquisition in Germany. As examples, the destruction of the Protestant church as a unit in Germany and his signing of a Concordat with Pacelli (and no one ever heard of that church's signing such a document unless she gained a distinct advantage from it) are glaring truths, together with the fact that before Hitler's rise to power the Protestants and Catholics were fomenting a little religious war of their own, and that Hitler took the side of Catholicism as against Protestantism, are truths of deep and unarguable implications.

Afraid to Speak Up

That these sponsors could have uncovered such things as would guard against Papalizing America seems to be proved by the appraisal of *Mein Kampf* by Dorothy Thompson, inserted as a foreword in the book. She goes so far as to say that Hitler is "completely mediaeval", but neglects to add that the mediaeval is strictly Catholic, and that Catholicism is still strictly mediaeval. She further confuses herself and readers by referring to Hitler as a renegade Catholic because he rejects that church's professed doctrine of Universality. Dorothy deplores Hitler's ignoring of history, but here she is guilty herself, since even a cursory glance through Wells' *Outline of History* could convince her that this professed doctrine of Universality has always been conditioned on political expediency and power politics. Such a doctrine, though professed, has never been adhered to by the popes and Hierarchy, and was used only to deceive in moments when it could be most useful. Peace has never been the desire of the "Church", but unrest and wars are the bulwarks of her power. A degraded human race can be ruled; a peaceful *thinking* one never accepts dominance from the priesthood.

The Nucleus of Nazism

The following quotations from the body of the text, and also from the annotations, will indicate by complementary facts that the Hierarchy is indeed the nucleus of Nazism and Fascism, and that the esteemed editorial sponsors have turned traitor to their professed duty and have betrayed their country and their fellow men. In examining these notes it should be remembered that *Mein Kampf* was written before Hitler's rise to power, and illustrates the mental conclusions he had reached as to his future course.

(1) The boy Hitler, a serious Catholic, acknowledges his debt to the church in regard to Jews.

It was only when I was fourteen or fifteen that I came upon the word Jew more frequently, partly in connection with political discussions. I felt a slight dislike and could not ward off a disagreeable sensation which seized me whenever confessional differences took place in my presence. [Page 40]

(2) It was the Roman Catholic von Papen that paved the way for Hitler's rise to power.

But with Hindenburg's re-election in 1931 the prestige of the Nazi party began to fade, only to be revived again when Chancellor Bruening was

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dismissed and the government entrusted to Franz von Papen against the will of the Reichstag. Papen thereupon systematically undermined the Republic, so that it was virtually defenseless when in 1933 Hitler was entrusted with the government. Had it not been for this sudden change in the German leadership, Hitler might eventually have been compelled to seek a status as a normal political leader and try his hand at the parliamentary game. [Page 131, footnote]

(3) That Jew-baiting is a Catholic dogma history can accurately demonstrate, and that she concurs in Hitler's Jewish persecution is proved by her Concordat with him, in comparison with the Protestant church's refusal to concur in such medievalism.

Thus Protestantism will always interest itself in the promotion of all things German as such, wherever it is a matter of inner purity or increasing national sentiment, the defense of German life, the German language and German liberty, as all this is also rooted firmly in Protestantism; but it will immediately and sharply fight every attempt at saving the nation from the grip of its most deadly enemy, as its attitude towards Judaism is fixed more or less by dogma. [Page 145]

Not Mere Lunacy, but Demonization



That Hitler is demonized can be demonstrated, although Dorothy Thompson confines her comments to charges of just plain lunacy. She calls him "queer". Yes! He is 'doing God's will', is god, too, and writes his scriptures with the same banality and hallucination characteristic of another god-person, Mary Baker Eddy, in her "Key to the Scriptures".

In this respect let us consider the meaning of the word "Fuehrer" set out in a footnote on page 117.

The Fuehrer is a man who gives expression to the divinity that is enshrined in his people, a

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"Traumlaller" (one who speaks oracularly in his dreams) is George Schott's phrase. Gottfried Feder, author of the party program, once described the Fuehrer as follows:

He must have a somnambulist's feeling of certainty in the pursuit of his goal: he must not shrink from bloodshed or even war.

Addressing Nazi confreres, he has frequently stressed his ability to wait until what is in the folk soul dictates the course he is to pursue. He said:

I believe I am today acting in the service of the Almighty Creator. By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work.

This demonization of a man and a whole nation is not contradictory to Papal policy, as history can show a continued labor of diabolical conspiracies, murders, inquisitions and betrayals down through the centuries on the part of the Papacy. That Hitler believes he is a Messiah is characteristic of the Catholic doctrine of the "divine right of kings". It might be recalled that the Jesuits so corrupted Louis XIV in this respect that he considered as his due



A crown-jewel-collector from the Kremlin meets a new prospect

the title "Son of the Universe".

Hitler Wedded to His Church

That Hitler early in his career arrived at the point where he deemed it wise and expedient to wed his cause to Roman Catholic ambitions is testified to in the following (pages 147-149):

There is one question which the pan-German movement in Austria ought to have asked itself. Is the preservation of the German nation in Austria possible under a Catholic faith? If it is possible, then the political party had no right to occupy itself with religious or even denominational affairs; if not, however, then a religious reformation had to set in, and not a political party. He who believes he may arrive at a religious reformation by the round-about way of political organization only shows that he really has not the slightest

idea of the way in which religious conceptions or even dogmas originate and their effect on the church. Here one really cannot serve two masters. In this, I consider the foundation or destruction of a religion essentially more important than the formation or destruction of a state, let alone a party.

(4) The footnote to this material is misleading and seems to draw attention away from the fact that Hitler's excuse for demolishing Protestantism was because it failed to acquiesce, as the Papacy did, in Jew-baiting, but proves that Ludendorff had a good slant on the matter.

These words seem to define Hitler's point of view at the time this book was written, and doubtless reflect the situation in which he found himself in Bavaria of 1923. The statements here made aroused General Ludendorff, already then a violent opponent of Rome and the Jesuits, and were dealt with in a magazine article in which the General accused Hitler of having "sold out" to Rome. The Fuehrer was at the time uncertain of what the future might bring, and is known to have interviewed leaders of the Bavarian People's Party (Catholic) concerning the terms under which he might be admitted to that organization. Heiden puts the matter somewhat differently, suggesting that Hitler had merely been trying to get permission to reorganize the party. In addition, one of the best friends the Nazis had in the Bavarian regular army was General Franz von Epp, a Catholic who would have frowned on anything smacking of religious warfare.

Change in Attitude



Perhaps—it is not possible as yet to substantiate the statement in full—the change in Hitler's personal attitude is attributable primarily to the conversion of Cardinal Faulhaber, archbishop of Munich, from Monarchist Reformationism to Democracy and Pacifism. The Cardinal proclaimed this new attitude in a sensational open letter which implied criticism of the Nazis. In addition Hitler had come more under the influence of Alfred Rosenberg, whose ideas on racialism and religion have since been standard party fare. At any rate the Catholic Church took up in earnest the fight against the Nazi creed after the triumphal elections of 1930. A number of pastoral letters denounced the errors contained in the party's program and in the books of important leaders; and late in 1930 the Ordinary of the diocese of Mayence refused to grant Catholic burial to a Nazi. After Hitler came to power all this was changed. The Bishops revised their attitude: a Concordat was signed with the Holy See. Even more recently some Catholic leaders have professed to believe that a *Modus Vivendi* with Hitler might be reached.

We possess authentic records of Chancellor Hit-

ler's private views of the religious situation. One of these may be cited in part: Hitler said concerning Catholic opposition, especially in Bavaria, that its fomentors were wasting their time; they might as well stop pipe-dreaming; he would not follow the example of Bismarck; he was a Catholic. Providence had arranged that. Bismarck had failed because he had been a Protestant, and Protestants have no conception of what the Catholic church is. The important thing was to sense what people felt in religious matters and what endeared the church to them. If the clerical caste would not disappear voluntarily he would direct propaganda against the church until people would be unable to hide their disgust when the church was mentioned. Why, it was only necessary to make church history popular. He would have films made. Looking at them the German people would see how the clergy had exploited them, lived off them; how they had sucked the money out of the country; how they had worked hand in glove with the Jews; how they had practiced immoral vice; how they had spread lies. These films would be so interesting that everybody would itch to see them. He would make the clergy ridiculous. He would expose all the tangled mass of corruption, selfishness and deceit of which they had been guilty. He would make the bourgeoisie tear their hair. He would have the youth and the people on his side. He would guarantee that if he set his mind to it he could destroy the church in a few years. The whole institution was just a hollow shell. One good kick and it would tumble together in a heap. [Pages 145-148]

Praise of the Hierarchy

(5) As a further strain on the gullible, Hitler goes on in praise of the Hierarchy one page farther on.

But also in another direction it would be unjust to make religion as such or even the Church responsible for the mistakes of various individuals. One should compare the visible greatness of the organization which one has before oneself with the average faultiness of men in general, and one will have to admit that the proportion between good and bad is here perhaps better than anywhere else. Even among the priests there are certainly such to whom their sacred office is only the instrument for the gratification of their political ambition, and who, in the political fight, forget in a more than deplorable manner that they should be the guardians of a higher truth and not the promoters of lies and calumnies, but such an unworthy individual is outweighed on the other hand, by a thousand more honest pastors, most faithfully devoted to their mission, who stand out like little islands in a communal swamp in our mendacious and demoralized time. [Page 149]

(6) Hitler realized the futility of trying to fight Rome while building up a political machine, but sees use for it in that structure.

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Says he of an Austrian party which mixed Jew-baiting and anti-clericalism:

The practical result of the Austrian Kulturkampf was equal to nil. However one succeeded in tearing away from the church almost one hundred thousand members, but she did not suffer any particular loss because of this. She really did not have to shed any tears for the lost lambs, for the Church lost only what for a long time had not fully belonged to her internally. This was the difference between the new reformation and the old one: that once many of the best of the church turned away from it because of their inner religious conviction, while now only those went who were not only lukewarm, but for a consideration of a political nature. But even from the political point of view, the result was just as ridiculous and yet again saddening. Once more a political movement promising success and salvation to the German nation had perished because it had not been led with the necessary ruthless sobriety, and lost itself in directions that were bound to lead to disunion. [Page 151]

After the Money of the Jews



(7) The Jesuits no doubt joined Hitler in his Jew-baiting and were delighted to find a means of eliminating Jews rather than baptizing them as was done in the glorious days of the Inquisition. (Quote from footnote)

Traditional anti-Semitism had in Germany always been based on confessional differences. Any other motivation was forbidden by the church; and in all pogroms of the Middle Ages Jews were able to escape the rigor of persecution by accepting baptism. Surprisingly few availed themselves of that opportunity; and on the Christian side Saint Bernard had pointed out that the worst possible way to attempt conversions was to inflict torture and death on the recalcitrant. Therefore, racial anti-Semitism as an integral part of a program of a political action remains Hitler's Copernican discovery; for now there is no escape for the victim—no escape even for his Jewish grandmother, by reason of whom he is a pariah under the Nazi laws. [Page 155]

(8) Hitler's recognition of the Roman Hierarchy as an aid and abettor of his political aims is confessed where he recognizes that a weakening of the authority of the church by an attack on her dogmas is a weakening of her usefulness as an ally, and rejects it. Jehovah's witnesses and all true Protestants will understand the implications of this passage.

Remarkable also is the more violent fight begun against the dogmatic fundamentals of the various churches, without which, however, the practical existence of a religious faith is unthinkable in this world of man. The great masses of a people do not

consist of philosophers, and it is just for them that faith is frequently the sole basis of a moral view of life. The various substitutes have not proved so useful in their success that one would be able to see in them a useful exchange for the former religious creeds. But if religious doctrine and faith are really meant to seize the great masses, then the absolute authority of the contents of this faith is the basis of all effectiveness. What, then, the customary style of living is for general life, without which certainly hundreds of thousands of well-bred people would live sensibly and wisely, but millions of others certainly would not, the organic laws are for the State and dogma is for religion. Only by this is the wavering and infinitely interpretable, purely spiritual idea definitely limited and brought into a shape without which it could never become faith. In the other case, the idea would never grow beyond a metaphysical conception; in short, beyond a philosophical opinion. The attack upon the dogma in itself resembles, therefore, very strongly also the fight against the general legal fundamentals of the State, and just as the latter would find its end in a complete anarchy of the state, thus the other is a worthless religious nihilism. [Pages 365-366]

The Timid Sponsors

(9) The above is certainly not anti-Catholic. Even the editorial sponsors could see it, but frittered the whole away in the following footnote:

This is the reverse of "Religion is the opium of the people." Rauschning (cf. his *Revolution des Nihilismus*) has pointed out Hitler's deep respect for the Catholic Church, and in particular for the Society of Jesus. In this he resembles Auguste Comte, who once proposed a liaison between Positivism and Rome. Both sundered their admiration from any kind of belief. Hitler praises the ability (as he sees it) of the church to keep on resolutely proclaiming an article of faith, however powerful the arguments arrayed against it may be. If the nation can build dogmas about its new "myth" and propagate them as stubbornly, it may (so it is thought) give Germany a new faith, which the masses will cherish as tenaciously as they have until lately cherished Christianity. [Page 365]

(10) Although the trail is now getting hot, the editorial sponsors keep cool, nor give way to emotion as they insert this footnote on page 371, quoted in part:

It was the annexation of Austria that first tipped the scales in Hitler's favor. Almost immediately there appeared in various parts of the diplomatic world a 'memorandum' purporting to be a plan for a 'Catholic group' of states in Central Europe, running from Italy through Croatia and Hungary to Slovakia and Poland.

It is a pity we are not told who circulated

the memorandum, but further on it says that the swastika became a popular symbol among the peasants of Slovakia and Hungary.

Who Financed Hitler?



(11) After seeing Hitler a staunch supporter of the Papacy, and dead set against what he calls religious nihilism, and footnoting that Hitler and the Papacy are in a Concordat, the next step was to make a guess as to what source Hitler's financial aid came from. But, of course, that would better remain a mystery. Certainly the organization that has for centuries swindled the human race out of their gold and silver would not have a cent to give to a demonized eunuch who would seat her in power and destroy her enemies.

Therewith the question as to how the Nazi party was financed had been raised, but no satisfactory answer has ever been given. During its early years, funds were obtained from Munich friends, from the Reichwehr and probably from White Russians, who had access to foreign money. Whence came the stream of gold that poured through White Russian fingers is indeed one of the unsolved mysteries of post-war history. [Footnote]

(12) It was time for the editorial sponsors to be watchful, because the facts were slowly emerging, but instead they inserted at this place a footnote, a statement in regard to confessional schools. But first we will quote from Hitler himself:

Here the Catholic church can be looked upon as a model example. In the celibacy of its priests roots the compulsion to draw the future generation of the clergy, instead of from its own ranks, again and again from the broad masses of the people. But this particular significance of celibacy is not recognized by most people. It is the origin of the incredibly vigorous power that inhabits this age-old institution. This gigantic host of clerical dignitaries, by uninterruptedly supplementing itself from the lowest layers of the nations, preserves not only its distinctive bond with the peoples' world of sentiment, but it also assures itself of a sum of energy and active force which in such a form will forever be present only in the broad masses of the people. From this results the astounding youthfulness of this giant organism and its steel-like power. [Pages 643-644]

Of course, that mysterious bond between the Catholic church and the masses could not be a result of knowing everybody's business through the confessional! Or because the Catholic church shaped the mind and temper of the victim!

Admiration of the Religious Racket

(13) Once more Hitler cannot control his admiration for "purgatories", candles, masses, etc., nor can he escape the conclusion that the church has a glorious future before it, and gives off as follows:

Here, too, one can learn from the Catholic Church. Although its structure of doctrines collides in many instances quite unnecessarily with exact science and research, yet it is unwilling to sacrifice even one little syllable of its dogmas. It has rightly recognized that its resistibility does not lie in a more or less great adjustment to the scientific results of the moment, which in reality are always changing, but rather in a strict adherence to the dogmas once laid down which alone give the entire structure the character of creed. Today, therefore, the Catholic Church stands firmer than ever. One can prophesy that in the same measure in which the appearances flee, the church itself, as the voting pole in the flight of appearances, will give more and more blind adherence. [Page 682]

(14) Hitler's articles of faith or political program cannot be gone into, but one point catches the eye, in article 19:

Roman law must be abrogated and replaced by German law. [Page 690]

Here was a wonderful opportunity for facts and analysis. The editorial sponsors flopped again. The facts will show that what really has taken place is, the abrogation of German law and its replacement by Papal laws. These might be indicated as below:

(a) The resurrection of the old Papal laws in restraint of the Jew—reinstitution of the ghetto, peculiar dress and systematic robbery.

(b) Destruction of freedom of speech, press and assembly as in the days of Torquemada and the Duke of Alva, in harmony with Papal encyclicals on such freedom.

(c) Doctrine of divine right of rulers, including Hitler, of course, invented by the Hierarchy so she could have an excuse, as representing divinity, to do the crowning.

(d) Throttling of Protestantism even as in the days of Charles V and Luther.

(e) Courts modeled on old Inquisitional forms, where the prisoners' defense counsel is only a formalism, and where the accused testifies against himself and is judged without appeal.

(f) Merciless torture of "heretics" and "Jews"; among the former, Niemoeller and Jehovah's witnesses

(g) Gestapo, modern refinement on spies of Inquisition, who listened for the damning words from the unsuspecting.

(h) Death of every democratic principle inimical to the Catholic church's eventual despotism.

The Results of Catholic Tutelage



(15) Hitler now reveals the depths to which his Catholic tutelage has led him. He discovers that night is the best time for the dirty work of converting and inciting men to deeds of violence, injustice and crime.

It seems that in the morning, and even during the day, men's will power revolts with highest energy against an attempt at being forced under another's will and another's opinion. In the evening, however, they succumb more easily to the dominating force of a stronger will. For truly every such meeting presents a wrestling match between two opposed forces. The superior oratorical talent of a domineering apostolic nature will now succeed more easily in winning for the new will people who themselves have in turn experienced a weakening of their force of resistance in the most natural way, than people who still have full command of the energies of their minds and their will power. The same purpose serves also the artificially created and yet mysterious dusk of the Catholic churches, the burning candles, incense, censers, etc. [Pages 710-711]

You see he should have been a priest.

(16) A footnote on page 143 shows how Hitler has corrupted Lutheran Protestantism.

Lutheran teaching on the subject of baptism, which is regarded as the greatest sacrament, is that through baptism equality of status before God and in the church is conferred on man. Differences of race and environment may and do subsist, but they are not of essential importance. Moreover, the sacred ministry is open to all who have been baptized and are called. Therewith Lutheranism denies the priority of race. When Hitler came to power he immediately tried to place the governance of the Lutheran church in the hands of men who were willing to alter the traditional teaching. A large group of German Christians who subscribed to Hitler's views were recruited and their representative, Pastor Ludwig Mueller, was named archbishop at the command of the government. The majority of German theologians refused, however, to accept so drastic a tampering with their creed. Gradually they formed the Confessional Synod, and this has until now, despite all pressure and suffering, clung resolutely to the orthodox point of view. The best-known spokesman for this point of view is Pastor Martin Niemöller, who was imprisoned by command of Hitler and is still held in virtually solitary confinement, but there are hundreds of clergymen who have learned, too, the meaning of opposition. More than twelve hundred of their number have gone to prison; some are dead. The crisis through which Lutheranism is passing is unquestionably the gravest in history.

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His Excuse for Wrecking Protestantism



That he thus found a good excuse to wreck Protestantism and favor Catholicism can be demonstrated. His surrender to the Catholic Church was symbolized, one may say, by his efforts to appease and control the Bavarian People's Party (Roman Catholic). Proof of this adherence to Catholicism before his rise to power, at which later time he debauched Lutheranism, is found in the following footnote, but, of course, the editorial sponsors were really snoring when they wrote it, and so they failed to draw any conclusions.

The ultramontane* question was raised by Ludendorff. After Hitler's release from prison, he saw that without the tacit consent of the Bavarian People's Party any resumption of his activities in Bavaria was out of the question. Therefore, he publicly disavowed any interest in religious warfare, though other Nazis might keep up a fairly steady fire on the church from behind their desks in the *Voelkischer Beobachter* offices. Besides, Mussolini had reached a kind of armistice with the Catholic church (though real peace did not come until 1929) the dramatic value of which made itself felt even north of the Alps. Ludendorff, whose second wife had instilled into him a loathing for the Jesuits in particular, received this profession of religious neutrality, even of benevolence to religion, if one prefers, with unconcealed antipathy. North German writers, Count Reventlow in particular, also took exception to Hitler's stand. No sooner had the party come to power, however, than essays to which Ludendorff might have subscribed with gusto appeared on all kiosks. The preface to a brochure concerning the Jesuit, by Herbert Herrmanns, said in part:

This essay makes no pretense at being objective, since that would mean merely adding another to the enormously swollen tide of books and writings of that kind. It is offered, rather, as a clear-cut attack. Potsdam in the May moon of the first year of the National Socialist Revolution. Page 823.

You perceive, then, how easy it is for the editorial sponsors to get off the subject and wind up with an insinuation that Hitler was anti-Catholic, and that the criticism of Jesuits by Ludendorff was inspired by a woman, and—one cannot escape the thought—a questionable one. And now Hitler reveals that Protestants dare not be Protestants, that is, protest against anything:

* From Webster: Ultramontane. 1. Beyond the mountains, esp. the Alps. 2. Specif., one who lives south of the Alps; a supporter (orig. one of the Italian party in the Roman Catholic Church) of papal supremacy, rather than national churches.

For example, in all these three countries a struggle against clericalism or Ultramontaniam can be preached without running the risk that through this attempt the French, Spanish or Italian nation as such will fall apart. But this may not be done in Germany, since here Protestantism, too, of course, would join in such an initiative. Consequently, however, the defense, which elsewhere would be solely by Catholics against political encroachments of their own prelates, would here immediately take on the nature of an attack by Protestantism against Catholicism. [Page 828]

Protecting the Singing Harlot

You see that would not do: the Catholic Church cannot take it, and so she must be protected. It is no doubt passages such as these that endeared Hitler to the Vatican. And then, after taking sides against Protestants, and perceiving the refusal of Lutheranism to join him in Jewish blood-letting, because of conscience, he has the gall to lie about it and say,

The most believing Protestant could stand in the ranks of our movement, next to the most believing Catholic, without ever having to come into slightest conflict of conscience with his religious convictions. [Page 829]

That is how Rome uses her natural enemies to overcome one another—divide and rule. By now it should be plain to the reader that, had one of those Jesuits so beloved of Hitler set out to debauch the German race, he would have chosen the identical methods resorted to by the madman of Berchtesgaden.

It may be said that, in a greater sense, the catholicism and orthodoxy of Adolf Hitler displays itself most abundantly in his hatred of democracy, and *Mein Kampf* is the most colossal tirade against democratic institutions that has ever been written. In this he is now ably supported (since he can no longer rave against Marxism in Germany) by the Roman Catholic clergy, in every country on earth, by their pot-shooting and ambushing of every free, liberal and democratic institution.

It is hardly necessary to point out that since the New Deal has been sworn to be the political expression of the late pope's encyclicals, the resulting circumscribing of freedom, and demoralization of the masses, is a natural consequence. It might be remarked in passing that the United States and Great Britain have never been subjected to so great a barrage of meddling, criticizing, and greed for power on the part of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as afflicts them now; and since these matters dare not be openly presented to the public, either

by press or radio, the prospect that the church of Rome and Hitler will realize their ambition to rule the world is very good indeed.

The Champion of the Hierarchy



To return to the sponsors: It is regrettable that they failed to see in Hitler's destruction of labor unions, in his destruction of freedom of conscience, press and speech, in his medieval brutality and mysticism, in his merciless persecution of innocent men and women and children, in his bloody intolerance of any faith not Roman, in his trances and tremors, the pure, unadulterated and devoted champion of the Hierarchy, using the "Church", and being used by her, to regain for her the lost power and prestige of the Dark Ages.

It is too much, of course, to expect these sponsors of great reputation to see or understand the signs of the times; since in an earlier day an Augustus Caesar did not understand his time, nor the great and noble Pontius Pilate. And for that reason the following footnote can scarcely be held against them, although their attempt to pose Hitler as a persecutor of Catholics, and their willful and cruel ignoring of the terrible plight of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, will some day be counted against them by Him who sees all. Quoting from page 247:

The nationalization of the great masses can never take place by way of half measures, by a weak emphasis upon a so-called objective viewpoint, but by a ruthless and fanatically one-sided orientation as to the goal to be aimed at. That means, therefore, one cannot make a people "national" in the meaning of our present "bourgeoisie", that is, with so-and-so restrictions, but only nationalistic with the entire vehemence which is harbored in the extreme.

Demonization of the Masses

The footnote to this statement follows, and further illustrates the helplessness of the worldly-wise in the face of the greatest calamity of all time about to befall humankind, just as Christ Jesus foretold.

This hysteria was an important discovery. It was created by a kind of hypnotic influence, seemingly exerted by the Party assemblies on the people undoubtedly not wholly normal as a result of privations through which they had passed. Extraordinary phenomena of a similar kind were numerous during the post-war years, e.g., the curious

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"bealer" of Hamburg, Haeuser, who was followed by immense crowds; the Bibelforscher (Bible Students) who raised tides of adventistic emotion in Silesia and elsewhere; Rudolph Steiner, the anthropologist, who built houses resembling trees, etc. Those who heard Hitler during those years are unanimous in saying that he engendered a kind of emotional trance with methods quite his own. Party guards moved continuously around the place of assembly, and usually some interloper was found who could be dramatically shaken and bounced. Then there was a pause. Had anything gone wrong? Then Hitler appeared, looking as if he had run the final two hundred yards in record time, to unleash a torrent of words, working himself into a frenzy of half-somnambulistic energy that lasted for hours, and reveling in climaxes that were more like motifs in Wagnerian drama than like any kind of discourse. Perhaps he would suddenly break into a sort of weeping, pause, and shout "Deutschland, Deutschland, Deutschland". However the foreigner might react, even quite normal Germans were swept off their feet. Hitler's very extremes had effected an emotional release. Then his oratory wrung every listener dry, provided, that

is, that he could bring himself to be en rapport with what was said.

This self-evident demonization of entire masses of people could not possibly be noticed by the sponsors, nor by the learned editorial committee.

To conclude (and space and time forbid the analysis the book demands), *Mein Kampf* is a handbook for all the Totalitarian-minded, in whatever country or state they be. Having once read it, it is not hard to divine the significance of much of the hogwash published in daily papers, books and magazines; nor can one thereafter fail to mark the men who by their utterances and public speeches testify that they have learned the diabolical lessons it has to teach, and are endeavoring to put in practice those same lessons, hoping thereby to gain an end entirely selfish and despicable: an end that will prove unutterably tragic for the human race. And to this end the sponsors have contributed their share.—Jos. E. Bolden, Pennsylvania.

Railroads

A Ticket Calls for a Seat



Philip Davis, New York lawyer, sued the New York Central Railroad Company because, after it had sold him a ticket to Albany, for the sum of \$2.80, he had to stand for the three-hour ride between the two cities. He won his fight and received \$232.89 in cash, the same being a return of the cost of his ticket and legal costs and interest on the same to the day of settlement. A ticket calls for a seat, and if a railroad company sells the ticket, and a coach is overcrowded, it is its business to see that the passenger is accommodated in a Pullman if there is any space available in such cars.

Aluminum Cars in Subways

♦ Aluminum cars introduced in the subways of New York weigh only half as much as steel, cause less wear and tear on rails, reduce the noise, and are popular.

Buses Killing Railroads

♦ Complaint comes from Costa Rica that buses are killing the railroads. The same situation is developing all over the world.

Highwaymen in Wisconsin

♦ Two highwaymen in Wisconsin, one 3 years of age and the other 4, stood between the rails of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway at Crandon, Wisconsin, and brought a train to a screeching standstill ten feet away. They had a toy gun with them with which they figuratively shot the fireman who came to put them off the track. And in the end the only reward of their holdup was that they got spanked by their mother. As a matter of fact, however, it was the father and mother that deserved the punishment. It was they that placed the weapons in the babies' hands.

134 Miles an Hour

♦ A new streamlined train between Berlin and Hamburg made the record time of 134 miles an hour. The locomotive is Diesel-driven. A record of 125 miles an hour has been made in Britain, on the London and Northeastern Railway, between London and Edinburgh.

Fast Time in Belgium

♦ A new train makes the 57.7 mile run between Brussels and Bruges, Belgium, in 46 minutes, or at the rate of 75.3 miles per hour, start-to-stop.

Palestine

Britain's Pipe Line



A tremendous pipe line carrying oil from Kirkuk in Iraq to the coastal cities of Haifa and Tripoli is of considerable importance to the British and their navy. Like the well-known British life line, it runs through Arab territory. Hence Britain's desire to keep peace with the Arabs, even at the seeming expense of the Jews in Palestine. Both the Arabs and the Jews have rights of long standing in that ancient country, but the Arabs have the important "nine points" of possession. Judge Rutherford, in his study of the prophecies, has stated that never again will the Jews gain possession of Palestine. And it is beginning to look like it in actual fact. Jew religionists continue to reject Messiah. They can hardly look for Jehovah's favor as long as they continue in that course.

Rats Used to Burn Crops

◆ For some time Jewish farmers in Palestine suffered from strange fires in their standing grain, until finally a policeman caught an Arab, lurking near a field, carrying in a bag five oil-soaked rats. He had been following the practice of lighting the poor creatures and then setting them adrift to burn the crops of those he regarded as his enemies. This affords an interesting contrast to the following account found in the Holy Scriptures:

And Samson went and [took in snares] three hundred foxes, and took firebrands and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.—Judges 15:4, 5.

Brandeis on Zionism

◆ Former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis is quoted as thinking and saying that since the Jews have nowhere else to go, and Palestine can absorb 100,000 of them annually, they will find a way to reach that destination, regardless of attempted obliteration of their rights for the private advantage of others. He did not come right out and say that Britain is afraid of the Moslems and also afraid of the devilry done in Moslem lands by German and Italian propaganda, but manifestly he could not be in sympathy with the

disgraceful ending of the Balfour declaration in turning control of Palestine over into the hands of the Arabs, as now proposed in the British Government's white paper on the subject. In its unprincipled yielding to the Mussolini-inspired troublemakers of Palestine, the British Government shows the same perfidious selfishness as it did when it put Czechoslovakia in the hands of Hitler. To all intents and purposes the present rulers of Britain are Fascists, because they play directly into the hands of the opponents of democracy. The Jews invested \$500,000,000 in a barren land, and made it bloom, because they trusted British statesmen. Now their investment is worth nothing, and in the worst hour of their history Britain slams the door in their faces. At Munich Britain sacrificed democracy and Protestantism in central Europe and now sacrifices honor and the Jews in Asia.

Homeless Jews Fling Away Passports

◆ Jews who have been and are being expelled from European countries, and put on the high seas to Palestine, are resorting to the trick of throwing away their passports when refused admittance to Palestine, and then the authorities do not know what to do with them. They might as well, and they cannot be blamed.

Jews in Palestine

◆ At the end of the year 1938 there were 437,000 Jews in Palestine, and they then constituted about 31.3 percent of the total settled population of the country. The culture of citrus fruits has continued to expand, and the export of oranges and grapefruit has reached record dimensions.

The War in Palestine

◆ The undeclared war in Palestine was so serious that in a single month 678 were killed and wounded: 404 Arabs, 262 Jews, and the others British soldiers and constables. During the same month seven Arabs were executed after conviction in the military courts.

Jewish Use of Swastika

◆ Discovery was recently made for the use of the swastika in the floor design of a Jewish synagogue near Hama, northern Syria, showing that the Nazi symbol was in use 1,500 years ago. Hitler hates the Jews, but mimics them.

Let America Mind Its Own Business

A COUNTRY capable of producing an annual income of five thousand dollars per family, but permitting one-third of them to go underfed and another third to rot in idleness, has no warrant from on high to pose as arbiter of the world.

A country in which man is pitted against man, group against group, class against class, and all operating on the principle of every fellow for himself and may the Devil take the hindmost, should be the last one to hanker for the job of universal peace angel.

A country possessing one billion acres of fertile land, yet tolerating a condition in which one-half its farmers—that is, the hand that feeds the nation—are already landless, and the other half on the way, and all of them bled white by as lousy a gang of gamblers, speculators, hijackers and cut-throats as ever walked in shoe leather, should modestly refrain from telling other people how to run their affairs.

A country sporting the highest crime rate in the world, registering more homicide in any old county than the whole of England, is in no position to tell others to be good.

A country which allows millions of acres of its best farm and grazing land to blow into the Atlantic and wash into the Gulf has not enough patriotism in its make-up to tell others how to love their fatherland.

A country that lets millions of its children cry for fruit and bread and milk and meat while taxing milk bottles, bread baskets, fruit jars and the rest of the pantry, to pay honest husbandmen for plowing under food, burying pigs and murdering heifer calves, has neither brain nor heart enough to still the bitter crying of the children of other lands.

And lastly, a country that only twenty short years ago permitted a parcel of greedy hogs, shallow-pated politicians, flag-waving nitwits, golden-calf parsons, and "boughten" scribes to bamboozle it into the World War, three thousand miles from home, at the cost of one hundred billion dollars, fifty thousand dead, and three hundred thousand permanent-

ly maimed boys, with no other result than preparing the witch broth that is about to boil over, over there, would, with better grace, weep over its own folly than hanker after the job of savior of the world.

I am not afraid to suffer for my convictions. I proved it when I faced the blood-drunken minions of Dictator Woodrow Wilson in the midst of the World War. I faced his white-livered, yellow-streaked home guard when I ran for Congress in the third district of Wisconsin on a 100-percent anti-war platform and with 80 years of Fort Leavenworth hanging over my bloody but unbowed head. And

that, too, was DURING the World War, not after, nor before it.—Oscar Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*.



John gets all the facts at last, thanks be to a whole boatload of kind and true friends

Hard-hearted Uncle Sam

◆ Hard-hearted Uncle Sam loaned \$3,000,000,000 to 1,000,000 home owners but quite some time ago had foreclosed on 80,000 homes—the old skin-flint, or Shylock, as British call him.

Two-Thirds of World's Gold

◆ Uncle Sam now has possession of two-thirds of the world's gold. The amount now stored is in the immediate neighborhood of \$15,000,000,000.

Pennsylvania

Justice in Pennsylvania



A large number of citizens feel that it is easier to have a case "fixed" than to go to trial regularly, and their expressed attitude "does not reflect a proper respect for our system of criminal justice".

In one case, at least, a witness before the commission was so disgusted with the way the case was handled and the obvious manner in which it was "bounced out", that he stated that if ever again he witnessed a crime being committed he would turn his head away rather than take a chance of being subpoenaed to attend court time after time and then seeing the whole matter obviously "fixed".

The commission has found that reconsiderations and modifications of sentences have been made by the courts after the term has expired; that such matters have been handled privately in chambers instead of in open court; that defendants after entering pleas of nolo contendere have been found not guilty by the court; that provisions of the probation act are ignored in that probations have been granted to defendants convicted of crimes for which the act provides that there shall be no probation.

Paroles have been granted in many cases without a formal petition being filed; without required notice being given to the district attorney's office; without including in the petition any statement of the prisoner's criminal record; without a hearing in open court or two judges being present; and in some cases without any of the requirements being met, as in one case where the parole was granted by mail and the judge instructed someone else that he could sign his name to the order; that paroles are refused by the court when formal petitions are presented by attorneys, but are granted shortly thereafter upon the request of a politician or favored lawyer.

The commission has also found that in numerous cases courts have required defendants acquitted by a regular trial jury to furnish excessive bail to 'keep the peace' and upon failure to furnish said bail the defendants have been committed to jail. This has been done without any formal charge being filed or legal hearing held.

In several cases in which the penalty for the offense was only a fine, the court deferred sen-

tence from time to time, with the practical result that the defendants served time in jail, but in another case the deferred sentence was used to keep a defendant out of jail, as he was allowed freedom on bail, while his sentence was indefinitely postponed.

In some cases the court does not have the complete criminal record of the defendant before passing sentence, with the result that frequent offenders receive light sentences, many criminals are acquitted or discharged due, frequently, to lack of preparation by the district attorney, the improper presentation of evidence, or the failure to have the proper witnesses on hand; that in some cases important witnesses essential to a complete case were not subpoenaed; that no permanent record is kept of all subpoenas that are issued; that in a number of cases where a defendant who is out on bail fails to appear and the bail is forfeited such bail is not sued out, no judgment taken, and no collection made.

Investigation has disclosed the practice of postponing trials time after time until the case comes up before a particular judge who is known to be generally lenient or even friendly to the defendant; that in many cases fines were imposed and were never paid and no effort has been made to collect them.

Criminal court records in Philadelphia county are often kept in a careless manner; in many cases reconsiderations, probations, and other orders of the court are written out by a clerk of the court and not signed by the court; in some cases reputable defendants have testified before the commission that they paid their fines and forgot all about the matter, whereas the court record indicates that these fines were remitted, with no indication that the fine was ever paid; that in many cases fines have been remitted at the request of a politician.

Investigation has disclosed that there is considerable jury tampering in many parts of the state; that the present method of selecting juries in many counties is a direct invitation to embracery; that there were many cases of substituting of jurors in Philadelphia county; that jurors were, in numerous cases, influenced by the conduct of the court itself; that in one case a judge threatened a juror with contempt if 'he did not go along with the rest of the jury', and that the court instructed

the clerk to see to it that certain jurors were drawn as foremen on certain juries.

Abuses of authority by magistrates have been shown to exist in that defendants are released from jail by sentencing magistrates before they have served their terms in prison, although a magistrate has no authority to parole or modify a sentence; that there was considerable abuse in the matter of release on 'copies of the charge'.

The commission has further found that in the majority of cases the business of professional bondsmen borders on a racket; that they employ numerous straw men to put up bonds; that they overcharge in many cases; that they have connections in police stations and with certain clerks of courts and attorneys, which lend themselves to the easy fixing of cases.

The commission has found that some "third degree" methods and the confinement of prisoners in "cold storage" are still used by police, and that gun permits are granted to persons with criminal records and bad reputations.—Report of joint legislative commission to investigate the administration of criminal justice in Pennsylvania, in *Altoona Mirror*. (Although this commission held 135 hearings and took the testimony of 1,152 witnesses, only five of the nine members of the commission had the manhood to sign the report. Four were afraid to do so.)

The Murder Business in Philadelphia

◆ Philadelphia has a way of keeping in the limelight. First there was the old Bible-burning tub that scared Gimbel Brothers into a fit. This eminent Jewish concern did not want to run the risk of losing a couple of dollars, so it bowed to the power of the Hierarchy and closed WIP as an outlet for the message of the Kingdom. The next time Philadelphia stirred uneasily in her sleep was when the Holmesburg prison authorities tried baking 24 guests, but only four of them were really ready to serve at mealtime. And now, there being not much other business in the city, the staid old burg by the Delaware looms up as the center of the retail murder business. More than 100 people are now known to have been put out of this life by arsenic, antimony, drowning, automobile "accidents", or other means known to the trade. There were branch managers, to cover particular areas, there was a physician to help furnish prospects, and there were agents to do the bumping off at a

minimum of \$300 plus a 10-percent cut of all insurance above \$1,000 for a case. One of the features of the business was that, once the gang had managed to make a woman an arsenic widow, they kept her busy thereafter, whether she wanted to or not. Whenever they wanted to finish off a man they used all their skill to get her to marry him; the rest was easy.

Pennsylvania Farmers Wondering

◆ Pennsylvania farmers are wondering how and why they have to sell their milk at 6 to 10 cents a gallon and the consumer has to pay 44 to 48 cents a gallon for it. They need not wonder. It is merely legalized high-handed robbery, and the robbers have themselves so well protected by legislation and by contracts that if a farmer dares sell a pint of milk from one of his own cows to a neighbor he is in danger of going to jail. For two generations the farmers have known they were being robbed by the milk pirates but have not known how to help themselves throw off the yoke.

Good Joke on a Hunter

◆ Near Erie, Pa., a careful hunter cloaked his automobile radiator in a brown blanket. The only luck he had was at the close of the day. Approaching the neighborhood of his car on the edge of dusk he blazed away with both barrels as he saw the flapping of the blanket he had placed over his radiator. He thought he had punctured a deer, but found afterwards he had only riddled his blanket and the automobile radiator.

Medical Care to Persons on Relief

◆ Pennsylvania extends medical care to persons on relief, the state paying the bill and the doctors and everybody else satisfied. Doctors get \$1 for office calls, \$2 for home calls, and \$25 for confinement cases, and have no reason to complain, for their money is sure. Dentists get \$2 for the first tooth extraction and \$1 for each additional tooth extracted at the same time.

The World's Largest Bearing

◆ The world's largest bearing, weighing 317,000 pounds, has been completed at East Pittsburgh, Pa. This bearing will carry the million-pound load of the big telescope atop Mount Palomar, California, with which astronomers hope to peer 1,000,000,000 light years into space. (See details on page 26.)

U.S.A. Judiciary

Manton's Mill for Selling Justice

◆ On October 27, bench robber Manton, blackmail trafficker, and the outstanding disgrace of the judiciary, than which history finds no greater among the annals of the English race, "faced the bench where he once sat as the nation's tenth ranking judge, and heard himself called a 'liar and a swindler.'" (*Daily Mirror*, October 28) Cahill, who earned fame in his hard-hitting prosecution of Manton, lashed him again as the hearing for appeal went before a panel of three judges appointed by Chief Justice Hughes. When reversal of Manton's conviction was asked by his lawyer, Cahill's reply was biting:

"This was a mill for the sale of justice. This man Fallon [the 'bag' man for the 'commercial judge'] and Judge Manton were open to take money from anybody who desired something they were selling. . . . Manton lied about his financial condition. . . . In the sale of judicial decisions these two always worked together." Cahill described Manton as a "liar and a swindler". "Cahill did not look at him while denouncing him before the tribunal."

No such denunciation has come, however, from the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, with whom as a highly honored figure of the church he held such standing as to be "created" Knight of St. Gregory the Great by the pope. His crimes have not in any way disqualified him in these church honors; for, if they had, would not the Catholic press have lauded the work of Cahill, Hoover and their own son Murphy in bringing this vile rascal to justice? This same Catholic press finds great dangers to the nation in Communism, and from little children who conscientiously refuse to salute any flag, and from Judge Rutherford, whom Manton "patriotically" kept in prison, but it evidently finds nothing wrong in peddling justice. Is not this sufficient evidence for any honest person that their howl about patriotism is only a smoke-screen behind which to betray the country to Rome? Here in the court also is abundant evidence when viewed in the light of Catholic press silence that the law profession bent on clearing the bench of such treachery is far more honorable than the clergy.

Anyone interested in the details of the conspiracy between the Hierarchy and Manton which resulted in sending seven Christians

to jail would do well to avail themselves of *Consolation* issues Nos. 519, 520, and 521.

Manton's Sentence

◆ If the sentence of two years in prison and \$10,000 fine imposed upon former United States Circuit Court Justice Martin T. Manton is, as dispatches say, the maximum permitted by law, it would seem that the Federal statutes need some amendment. A judge who takes bribes pollutes justice itself.

If Manton is guilty, as the judgment of the court finds, the sentence is obviously wholly inadequate; such a man ought never to breathe free air again; no extenuation, palliation or mitigation can be considered. It is not possible to say that Manton did not know what he was doing, or did not realize the consequences of his offense.

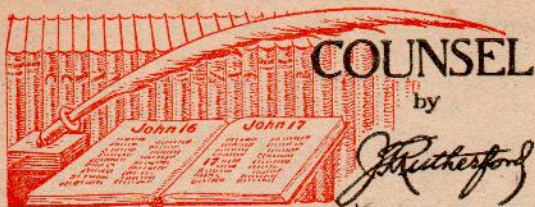
That this is the first case of the kind in 150 years of American history is a matter for general congratulation. That such a situation was almost inconceivable probably accounts for there being no adequate penalty provided by law. But when a postoffice robber or a counterfeiter can get up to 25 years in prison, a mere two years for a bribe-taking judge is obviously out of proportion. Congress should act swiftly to correct this discrepancy.—*Los Angeles Times*.

What Parks Are For

◆ "Wherever the title of streets and parks may rest, they have, immemorially, been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind, have been used for purposes of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and discussing public questions.

"Such use of the streets and public places has, from ancient times, been a part of the privileges, immunities, rights and liberties of citizens.

"The privilege of a citizen of the United States to use the streets and parks for communication of views on national questions may be regulated in the interest of all; it is not absolute, but relative, and must be exercised in subordination to the general comfort and convenience and in consonance with peace and good order; but it must not, in the guise of regulation, be abridged or denied."—United States Supreme Court Ruling. (*Labor*, Washington, D.C.)



Hope for the Jew

THE Israelites, or Jews, as a nation violated the law covenant which God made with them. They were cast away from the Lord's favor and, as a nation, destroyed. The Israelites were the typical people, and formed a typical nation, which God used for His purposes to make pictures or types of greater things to follow. As a nation they have ceased to exist, and there is no reason to expect that nation to ever be restored; and this conclusion is supported by at least two reasons, to wit: (1) As the typical people or nation of God they performed the types or pictures and their work came to an end and all the types ended; (2) under the rule of the Messiah there will be no national divisions, but all people will be of one nation under Christ, the Messiah, the King of Righteousness, and the King of Peace. Only those persons who take their stand on the side of and fully support and obey the Theocratic Government of God by Christ Jesus will survive. There will be no distinction between the natural descendants of Israel and the descendants of others. All who live must be gathered into one fold or nation under Christ Jesus the King.

The Theocratic Government is Jehovah's government, the government of the Almighty God, by Christ Jesus His King. It is written concerning Christ the Messiah: "The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

That will be the government of righteousness, and only those who do right shall be permitted to live under it. Armageddon, which will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty, will result in the destruction of all nations, which constitute Satan's organization.

All persons who survive that great destruction must serve and worship the only true God, Jehovah, and the Lord Jesus Christ the King. The Theocratic rulers will be forever invisible to human eyes, but that government will have visible representatives amongst men on earth to carry out God's commandments; and the orders enforced will be righteous. (Isaiah 32:1) Such is the kingdom which Jehovah God promised to Abraham that He would set up on earth in due time and concerning which all the holy prophets of God prophesied. It is the kingdom for which Jesus commanded His followers to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matt. 6:10.

There is no national distinction amongst those who will compose the members of the Theocratic government; and in support of this it is written: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:28, 29) There is likewise no national distinction between those who live under that righteous government.

Now the Lord is gathering to himself his "other sheep". (John 10:16) These people are likened unto sheep because they are obedient to the Lord. Such flock or people will constitute the great multitude of persons that shall survive the battle of Armageddon and, being obedient to the Lord, they will live forever and populate the earth with a perfect and righteous race. These "other sheep" are now coming to the Lord from every nation, people and tongue on earth. (Revelation 7:9) There is no national distinction and no nation is favored above another. It is an individual matter with each one who comes. All who come to God and Christ under the terms named by the Lord shall be impartially favored with the blessings of life.

It therefore follows and the Scriptures conclusively prove that the nation of Israel or Jews will never be restored as a nation, but that all individuals, whether Jews or non-Jews, may now have the opportunity of taking their stand on the side of the Theocratic government and receive its blessings. The purpose of Jehovah God must be accomplished; as it is written: "I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."—Isaiah 46:11.

Note, therefore, it is written: "God . . .

hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26) Since God made the earth for man and made all men of one blood, to dwell upon the earth, it follows that His purpose carried into operation will wipe out all national lines and all persons will come under one rule. Every person who survives Armageddon must be an obedient subject of the Theocratic government under Christ Jesus the King.

It follows, therefore, that hope for the Jews, as well as others, is faith and obedience to the great Theocracy. They must turn to Jehovah God and learn of Him and obey Him; and doing so, they will find there everlasting peace and life for ever on the earth. That means that they and all others must forsake all religion and worship Almighty God in spirit and in truth. It means that each one who receives the blessings of Almighty God must individually agree to do the will of God, take his stand firmly on the side of God and His King, and obey the laws of the Theocratic government. These must be gathered unto the Lord before Armageddon.

All persons who love and serve God are hated by the Devil, and certainly none such are desired by those who have the Devil's spirit. God's prophetic Word written long ago applies to all persons, regardless of birth or nationality, who seek the Lord and serve Him; and concerning such the Lord says: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired: before the decree bring

forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zeph. 2:1-3.

Regardless of his nationality, the man who tries to do right has the desire for life; and to all such these words should be a comfort, to wit: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."—John 17:3.

The Jew and the Gentile, the bond, the oppressed, all, must now abandon religion, and turn to God and His King and kingdom. "Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah." (Psalm 3:8, A.R.V.) 'He is the fountain of life.' (Psalm 36:9) He gives life to those who obey Him. (Romans 6:23) Let all sincere Jews bear in mind the words of Jehovah's prophet, written for the benefit of those who love righteousness, to wit: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation [The Theocratic Government] which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."—Isaiah 26:1-4.

Public Utilities

Electricity in the Home



In *Public Ownership of Public Utilities*, Mrs. R. E. McDonnell, who is in position to be unusually well informed on her subject, explains that in urban homes in the United States only 35 percent of the women are sweeping, 27 percent washing and 10 percent cooking electrically, while in the suburban homes only 28 percent have light, 7 percent pump water into the home, 9 percent sweep, and mix dough, 20 percent iron, 4 percent cook, 3 percent separate milk and cream, 2 percent sew and 1 percent churn and wash electrically. She thinks it would pay the average American family to spend a little less than \$420 a year on automobiles, \$68 on gasoline, \$100 on tobacco, \$50 on ice cream, \$48

on candy and \$28 on radio and spend a little more than the present \$23.08 on electrical appliances.

Caution of Union Electric Company

◆ The Union Electric Company of Missouri is a cautious company. When the people of St. Charles, Missouri, became much interested in public ownership of the public utilities in that city the electric company was so careful that it paid the salary of Leslie B. Harrison while he was on the staff of the St. Charles *Cosmos-Monitor*, and it gave the paper \$1.40 per inch for Union Electric advertising, which was more than five times the usual rate. You don't suppose the Union Electric Company of Missouri would resort to out-and-out bribery, do you? Or do you?

In the "Rockies" of the U.S.A.

Bequests



Until his death in an automobile accident three weeks ago, 44-year-old Dr. Arthur J. McLean, of Portland, Oregon, was commonly regarded as the most brilliant brain surgeon in the northwest. Some of his friends considered him eccentric; wealthy, he drove an old car and carried his instruments in a battered brief case. Also, Dr. McLean was prematurely aged. Last week his fellow doctors could guess the reason why.

In a Portland court, Dr. McLean's will had been filed for legal approval. From its contents it was fairly evident that, like many gifted persons, Dr. McLean was dissatisfied with himself. It might have been guessed that he was disgusted with patients who did not pay bills, and deeply troubled by members of his profession whose competence did not measure up to their fees.

After willing his \$100,000 estate to his wife, Dr. McLean made these remarkable bequests: "To my name, oblivion . . . To Portland's thieving patients . . . haphazard care . . . To 94 percent of Portland's medical practitioners and their ethics and the whole local organized medical profession, a lusty, rousing belch."—*The Pathfinder*.

A Glimmer of Sanity

◆ A glimmer of sanity occurred at Shelton, Washington, when the school board tumbled to the fact that the flag salute with arm outstretched is a gesture of Fascism, and ordered that the regular military salute be substituted. But why try to make every little kid a potential militarist? Why ape Germany and Italy at all? Why not be liberty-loving Americans as before this salute craze drove the children, the parents, the teachers, the legislators and the citizens nuts?

Earth's Biggest Structure

◆ The Grand Coulee dam, on the Columbia river, upon which 7,000 men are at work, and which will be completed in 1941, is four times the size of the Great Pyramid and will irrigate rich farm lands fifty miles square. The spillway is twice the height of Niagara Falls. The two power houses are each twenty-four stories high, and together can furnish enough power to light most of the United States.

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Rift in the Mormon Lute

◆ Maybe the title of this skit should be "Rift in the Mormon Loot" instead; for it seems some of the Mormon saints are not just satisfied with statements and practices of the head of the church. In a circular bearing the significant title "Temple Block Sold", M. Peterson, Alonzo Cole and Clyde Neilson aver that—

In no sense did the authorities tell the truth when they said, at the April, 1936, Conference, "The [Mormon] Church has not sold or mortgaged any of its property." The official county records plainly show that Heber J. Grant has sold Church properties, and said properties in turn were used by him as pawn for debts incurred by borrowing millions from the Chase National and other banks. (Heber J. Grant nor the apostles are the Church. The Church is the whole congregation. The selling of the properties in question literally amounts to grand embezzlement from the saints.)

The dealings of the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, according to county records, plainly indicate that this corporation is a commercial corporation which deals in property, mortgages, debts, securities, etc.

If what we say is true, then Heber J. Grant has committed an act of sacrilege. The Tabernacle and the Temple, which at one time were dedicated and presented to the Lord in heaven as gifts to Him from the people, he has sold to a mercenary corporation of his own innovation, and then put these properties belonging to the Lord in pawn to the Chase National Bank, guaranteeing to that institution certain profits which you and I are bled for. The Temple should be returned to the Church and again dedicated to the Lord.

The thing for these poor souls to do is to forsake religion and flee to the Lord, flee to Christianity, which is the exact opposite of all religion, including the Mormon variety.

Three-Hundred-Mile Crack

◆ It is interesting that at the same time that an Idaho farm started to sink toward subterranean regions a mountain in Oregon, three hundred miles away, in the Molalla valley, started to split and at last accounts the rift in the mountain was 100 feet long and 80 feet deep. The presumption may be indulged that the two phenomena are connected by an underground fissure, and if a crack can extend 300 miles, what is to hinder it from spreading until it extends 3,000 miles. In Armageddon, the Scriptures suggest, the earth will be split wide open, to man's utter dismay.



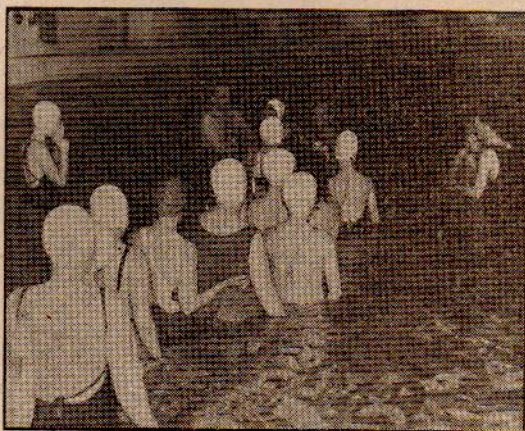
Object Lesson for God's Opposers

THE LORD clearly foretold His purpose to vindicate His name. Many of the news sheets of today, such as the *Daily News* of New York city, fail to realize that by casting aspersions and slander upon Jehovah's witnesses they put themselves squarely in the path of the Executioner of Jehovah, who will act to annihilate all of such ilk.

On June 26, 1939, the *Daily News*, among some seventy-five newspapers in the United States, carried an account of how, the day before, at New York's Madison Square Garden a "riot" had occurred, which they described as a "riot over religion", and claimed that some in the audience became incensed at what the speaker had said regarding the Roman Catholic Church. As a sensational newspaper, they played it up in big headlines, showed pictures of several of the ushers (who are Jehovah's witnesses) being taken to the lockup, charged with felonious assault. They made much sport of Jehovah's name, by endeavoring to cast reflection on His servants. This same procedure would be expected from the Devil's organization and was carried on throughout the whole United States.

This present article is to give some of these newspapers an opportunity to get out of the line of the march of Jehovah's Executioner, Christ Jesus, by clearing up some of their lying accusations. It is to be hoped that some might save their lives, because the Lord says that He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.—Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11.

The cases of the three ushers which were so widely publicized by the newspapers, which ushers had acted at the Madison Square Garden to maintain order, and not to engage in a brawl as the newspapers would lead their readers to believe, finally came before three judges of the Special Sessions Court of the City of New York on the 23d and 24th days of October last. In order that persons of good will might observe that no partiality for the Lord's cause was to be expected it is here stated that two of these justices are members of the foremost religious organization in the world, and the third, who presided, is a Hebrew. Thus we see that to vindicate these ushers before such a judiciary would mean that there was very little doubt in the minds of the members of that court.



Immersion of Jehovah's witnesses at Los Angeles, California

Briefly, the facts are these, as presented in this trial:

The three ushers need not be named, except to say that one was described in the *News* as the secretary to the president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. The other two were assigned as ushers in the Garden.

True to their custom, as has been disclosed in these pages and in the pages of *The Nation*, a part of the technique of those who described

themselves as "for Father Coughlin" and as "members of the Christian Front" or "Christian Mobilizers", who are definitely associated with the Nazi "Bund" and other totalitarian radicals, and who act specifically under the command of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, has been street fighting. It is not the ordinary type of fighting, where two men become angry and have an altercation and fight, but the custom is that which was introduced in Nazi Germany and especially used in the pogroms or riots against the Jews. The system is to hit somebody or to cry out as though the offender himself had been hurt; to call up a sympathetic policeman and charge the actual victim with assault.

Such is the most villainous sort of bearing

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Trailer camp at Bristol, England

false witness, as denounced in the Bible book of Deuteronomy. In New York city the so-called "Coughlinites", according to circumstantial evidence set forth in many publications, have definitely been using this technique on Jews for several months past. A refinement of the same system was planned for Madison Square Garden. Witnesses at the trial of the three ushers above mentioned plainly presented the facts to the court, that a group of several hundred Coughlinites walked from radio station WMCA, after they had finished picketing that station for refusing to broadcast Coughlin's speeches, and entered the Garden, all seating themselves in the rear top balcony, just behind the speaker's platform.

It was testified (without proving who did it) that at a given signal by the flashing of lights in the Garden, which hundreds of witnesses saw, a concerted disturbance began in this balcony. Besides loud booing, there were shouts of "Heil Hitler" and "We are for Hitler; to hell with everybody that is against him" and "We will kill these Jew-lovers".

Many witnesses testified that this marauding group brought along with them copies of *Social Justice* magazine and shook them in the faces of the ushers, saying, "This is what you will get."

This conspiracy was carried into effect with such precision and planning that the speaker was not heard in the upper rear balcony during the few moments of the actual attempt to disrupt the whole meeting. The whole of this particular section of that vast assembly of some twenty thousand persons was turned into a riot of major proportions, with the marauding group, who plainly identified themselves

as Coughlinites, resisting all peaceable efforts to get them out.

Jehovah's witnesses were not having a political meeting in the Garden. Neither was it an assembly of labor factions. Here was a meeting planned with an international radio hookup, so that the speech was received in London, Australia and other places; and it was a message from Jehovah of hosts. Jehovah's witnesses had a responsibility before the Lord to deliver His Word at this time, that the people might find safety. Their responsibility was to see that this meeting went over, if it meant throwing their bodies into the gap. Much expense, infinite details and work had gone into this great climax of an international convention.

On the part of those who had authority, great concern was felt; for their responsibility was not merely to see that a few thousand people heard a lecture. Their responsibility was to carry out the Lord's purpose, and for any neglect they would answer to Him.

Now let it be borne in mind that the people who came there to break up this meeting might have been deluded by some silver-tongued demagogue or some other type of rabble-rouser, and that they themselves may not have been fully informed as to what they were doing. But the fact remains that they were there setting themselves in the path of Jehovah's onward march, in the way of the present progressive "increase" of His Government, and it was the duty of His servants to act at their full strength, that His message might go forth.

Not all of these facts could, of course, be brought out in the trial in the New York

court, which limits testimony, and its judges are desirous of grinding out case after case, since they have a great volume of cases to try. But it was shown that the ushers who were on trial for "assault" went deliberately into this section where the disturbance broke out, made every effort to remove the disturbers, and when the ushers themselves were attacked by some of these lawless ones they resisted and demeaned themselves like men. The case of the prosecution against the ushers (handled by the district attorney's office) on the complaint of some of this radical group who had been dealt with firmly by the ushers, was a tissue of lies. It was the same old technique again, of whining that they had been hurt, of making a complaint that some one had hit them, when in reality such was an entirely false charge and those only were hurt who had violently and wrongfully attempted to carry out their wicked purpose to break up that peaceful assembly.

Before the judges of the Special Sessions Court all of these facts were plainly brought out, and it was indisputably shown that the complaints of the fanatical disturbers were groundless and their sworn testimony in support thereof was perjured.

Perhaps the most dramatic episode in the affair occurred during the testimony of a man who appeared on behalf of the disturbers. He testified that he had witnessed an assault made by one of the ushers on two people. During his story of the event he located it first as having happened on the top landing, then on the middle landing, and finally somewhere on the bottom steps. Since it had been established, during the course of the trial, that the disturbing group was made up entirely of the Coughlin admirers, this witness was asked whether he was a seller of *Social Justice* magazine. He replied, "I never have sold *Social Justice* in my life." Thereupon defendants' attorney brought forth a photograph of that witness with a copy of *Social Justice* being held by himself above his own head. The witness looked at the picture and admitted that it was a likeness of himself, and then he said, "Yes, one time I was up on Lexington Avenue and a friend of mine was selling *Social Justice* and he wanted to go in and get a cup of coffee, so I held his magazine for him." At this point the court took over the examination of this witness and the assistant district attorney felt like crawling into a hole.

The court asked, "How long was your

friend inside for the cup of coffee?" Answer: "About ten minutes." Then the court continued: "You just stated you had never sold *Social Justice*?" Answer: "I held the magazine up but I didn't sell any."

Court: "Why did you hold it up?"

Witness: "Well, he told me to hold it up."

Court: "If some one asked for a copy would you sell it?"

Witness: "Yes, but I am not selling *Social Justice*."

Then the court returned the picture to him, asking, "Did you say anything while you were holding the magazine?"

Answer: "No."

Court: "Was it a hot day when the picture was taken?"

Answer: "I don't think so."

Court: "Well, why is your mouth open as the picture shows?"

Answer: "Why, I had to say *Social Justice*."

Court: "You mean to say you were hollering '*Social Justice*' and were not selling it?"

Answer: "No."

Court: "Did you ever relieve another friend while he went to get a cup of coffee?"

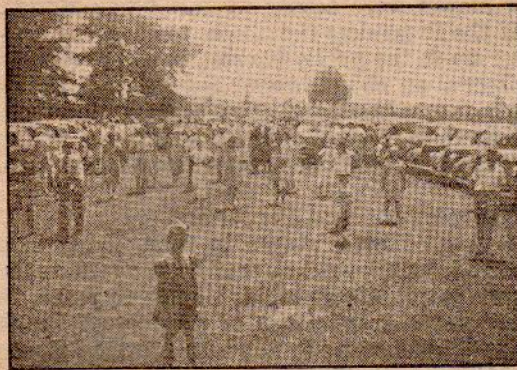
Answer: "About twice."

Court: "What do you mean, 'About twice'?"

Answer: "I am not ashamed to sell *Social Justice*."

Court: "Certainly not; but are you sure you didn't sell *Social Justice* several other times? Suppose these people present another picture of you selling *Social Justice* somewhere else?"

Another witness testified that he had gone to Madison Square Garden on June 25 because he saw it was a free lecture, and that he did not know that Judge Rutherford would speak. When confronted with one of the leaflets advertising the meeting and which showed a picture of the speaker he claimed that it was a sound truck which had interested him in going to the Garden. When confronted with an advertisement which was carried by the sound truck with a likeness thereon of Judge Rutherford, this witness almost curled up. But when another witness not connected with Jehovah's organization said that he had seen this same person up in The Bronx delivering speeches for the "Christian Front", the face of the witness thus described fell. He knew the finger of ignominy was pointed at him as a member of the notorious bunch of gangsters, and that he was thus tied in with the effort to break up the Garden meeting.



Jehovah's warriors, 126 strong, relaxing after the battles of Mansura, Bunkie and Marksville, La.



At Montreal Kingdom Hall, answering the question "How many ex-Catholics are in the audience?"

—A 90-percent showing of hands

One not familiar with the procedure in New York courts, or not having an appreciation of the vast number of cases which must be disposed of in those courts, can hardly understand the difficulty of getting in all this testimony in a case of simple assault. Be it said for the judges, that although impatient with defendants' attorney when he plainly showed them why consideration ought to be given to the type of the meeting, and to what plans had been made to provide for the public and assure their safety, those judges consented to listen to the evidence for nearly two days. Indeed, these ushers were in the lions' den, as was Daniel, because this court is one which customarily convicts. But the Lord having promised that He will deliver those who put their trust in Him, and since His name was involved in the great proclamation that issued from Madison Square Garden, the three ushers left the courtroom praising the Lord for having had a part in honoring His name and acting for its vindication. Two of the three ushers were wholly acquitted, and the third one, whose accuser failed to appear in court, was unconditionally dismissed by the court.

Let it be said for the attorneys who handled the case for the ushers that they had a deep concern in discharging their duties and in accomplishing the acquittal of their clients, and they did a skillful and commendable job. But above all, they had received the blessing of the Lord, and for this they should be very grateful. "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah."

Now, a month since the trial, only one of the seventy-odd newspapers of the United States which blared forth evil and false reports about the Lord's servants has carried an account of

the acquittal of those who were maligned. These same agencies who think they have a corner on all wisdom will be shocked when called to account by the Lord himself for their wickedness. It will come as a jolt to the "all-knowing" press that their course of action against THE THEOCRACY was foretold by the Lord several thousand years ago and that the period to their history was set to end next following. Perhaps when they learn that the Hierarchy has been kidding them about furnishing fire insurance against the punishment they deserve, these propaganda systems will see the simple truth that it did not pay to lie about the Lord's people at the cost of their own eternal destruction. Perhaps this is too simple for the "arbiters of wisdom" to comprehend.

The point is that the distorted press accounts which defamed Jehovah's witnesses in reality defamed the name of the Most High God. If any such offenders wish to square themselves with the Lord before the catastrophe of Armageddon is upon them, they will do well to clear up their former misstatements. They had best act quickly to disabuse the minds of the readers who were deceived. If they merely made an error they should be glad to make what amends they can and correct through their publications the libelous insinuation that the Lord's organization is one of brawlers. Let the discomfiture of the "Coughlinites" who failed in their vicious attempt to block Jehovah's great proclamation of June 25, and got "busted heads" for their pains, remain as an object lesson to all who oppose the King. The news scribblers who presumed to slander the name of Jehovah would

well take into consideration the sore pates of these deluded fellows. If they do not they will be ground to powder by the onrushing army of Jehovah's invisible hosts led by His Executioner.

The time of those who fight against Jehovah God is becoming shorter and shorter. The Devil and his hordes know that they have but a little while to carry on their wickedness. They strive desperately to turn every person against God. These demons enter into individuals, possess their minds, and force such willing subjects to do their bidding. Even in the courtroom, when the complaining witnesses (Coughlinites) began to see that the case was going against them, several hollered out, "Lies," another emitted a superstitious oath, whereupon they were ejected by the Court attendant. These people were obviously possessed by evil forces.



Jehovah's Kingdom Hall, Glasgow

Now let the responsible parties of the news sheets that take sides with the enemies of Jehovah call to mind that it is plainly stated in His Word that the wicked He will destroy. (Psalm 145:20) Among those wicked are the perjurers and false witnesses. (Proverbs 6:16-19; Deuteronomy 19:16-19) If they wish to do right they can explain to their readers they formerly deceived that Jehovah's witnesses did not provoke a brawl at the Garden, nor did Judge Rutherford make one single aspersion on the Catholic Church which caused the outbreak, but that the whole disturbance was prearranged by conspiracy; and that the action of the ushers was to resist law-breakers and defend the responsibility Jehovah had imposed on them. A Court of two Catholics and a Jew found that Jehovah's

witnesses were acting **WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS**. If the Press does not choose to clear the matter up in the public interest, it will profitably observe an object lesson: Several individuals whose sore heads and other parts remind them that they received **JUSTICE** which was not so **SOCIAL**, as the result of **FIGHTING AGAINST GOD**.

Nervousness and Protection

◆ A good little woman in Ohio, living in a secluded spot, was attacked by two men on the way home, late at night. Unable to recall, in her nervousness, much of the text of Psalm 91:4, but having in mind the spirit of it, she shouted with all her might, "Feathers and wings, feathers and wings." The men were much surprised, and one said to the other, "Oh, she is crazy; let her go," and home she went, securely trusting in the promise indicated.—Mrs. Carrie Tobias, Ohio.



Immersion scene at Montreal, Quebec

Spokesmen for Two Governments

◆ An Ohio witness heard an admirer of President Roosevelt express his keen appreciation of the great address he had heard "the president" give from Madison Square Garden on the afternoon of June 25, 1939. He thought it eminently fitting that "the president" should publicly take his stand by the Scriptures: that it was the most wonderful lecture he had ever heard in his life. When his attention was drawn to the fact that he had been listening to Judge Rutherford, and not to Mr. Roosevelt, he stated, "I would not have listened if I had known it was that Rutherford fellow, but it was a grand speech even if he did give it."

(To be continued)

Russia

One Night's Torture



Not a person in the world outside of Russia believes that all the men that started the Russian revolution had proved false to its aims and that only Stalin the Murderer had been faithful. One after another the heads of great departments were arrested and, after due preparation, Russian style, came out in court and "confessed" the crimes with which they were charged, and were then butchered like so many sheep. In the latest batch of twenty-one, one man, Nikolai Krestinsky, nine years Russian ambassador to Germany, denied his guilt, but after one more night of torture in Lubianka prison he was ready to die and the next day, in a weak voice, made the expected "confession" which could only be followed by death. Mussolini said, according to *Popolo d'Italia*, Stalin had turned Fascist. He ought to be ashamed of his convert, though it takes a great stretch of the imagination to think of Mussolini as being ashamed of anything. In each of his mass murders, miscalled "trials", Stalin spared two or three, and it was in the hope of being one of the spared ones that all complied with the grotesque demands of the torturers that they "confess" whatever they were supposed to confess.

Russia's Maginot Line

◆ Following the general example of France and Germany, Russia is now building a new Maginot line from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Forests are being removed, populations are being transferred, and transportation arteries, including bridges, are being mined, in anticipation of the day when Hitler proceeds to carry out his idea to seize the Ukraine, with its vast stores of wheat, coal, iron, manganese and other metals and swim in the wealth which he believes awaits him.

Ten Admirals Bumped Off

◆ The Maniac at Moscow continues to carry on his program of eliminating everybody he does not like. Within the past year he caused to be put to death the ten most prominent admirals of the Russian navy, with hosts of other naval men. The official excuse is that the men slain had as their objective a defensive navy, whereas the Soviet wants an offensive one, able to go anywhere and do as it likes.

Moscow to Have Tallest Building

◆ At a cost of \$20,000,000 Moscow is building what it is claimed will be the tallest structure in the world. Details are lacking, but at the base will be two immense auditoriums, one of which will have a dome thirty stories high and will cover two acres. Two acres of seats can be removed by pressing a button. By pressing other buttons a swimming pool, a skating rink, a circus arena, a revolving stage and a moving picture screen can be produced. The entire vast structure, of unknown height, will be surmounted by the largest statue ever sculptured by man, a figure of Lenin. This will make all these other statue builders, that are so eager to chisel out the biggest foolishness, feel like thirty cents in pennies. The Lenin statue will be 300 feet high. Russia is today one of the most highly religious countries on earth. It worships Lenin and Stalin, atheism, and its own belly.

What Did Sergei Do With It?

◆ If, as alleged by the newspapers of Russia, the metropolitan Sergei, acting patriarch and supreme head of the Orthodox church in Russia, expended \$250 a day on champagne, he must have had lots of company, and there may be something to the claim that he was but one of a big flock of priests and nuns dancing and drinking in one of the underground convents that his particular church considered a natural perquisite of their religion.

The World's Best Atlas

◆ George B. Cressey, famous geographer of Syracuse University, claims that the new Soviet atlas, in three volumes, at \$40 per volume, is far and away the best atlas in the world. The sheets have been printed by the offset method, with as many as twenty colors on some maps. The colors are harmonious and the registration perfect. Unfortunately, the language throughout is Russian.

"Assignment in Utopia"

◆ A socialism that offers to fill the bellies of its people but retains the privilege of slitting those bellies at will is reactionary: it cancels out ages of struggle and costly victory in the domain of the human spirit.—Eugene Lyons, in his work, *Assignment in Utopia*—Soviet Russia.

Science

The Secret of Burning Coal



The secret of burning coal economically is to add the fresh fuel in a rather thin layer all over the burning fuel, or, better, to put it on the burning fuel in strips or patches, so that one-half of the burning coal is left exposed and thus the flame remains intact and can burn off the volatile matter given off or distilled off by the fresh fuel when applied.

If you give the furnace too much air, you waste heat up the chimney, because the excess air has to be heated. And if you give the furnace too little air, you waste heat in the fuel residues in the form of unburned carbon in the ash and smoke in the stack. The conclusion is that the furnace should be operated with the correct ratio between coal and air. —*The International Engineer.*

Job Ahead for Jonadabs

◆ Prof. Walter Hallstein, University of Rostock, Germany, figures it out scientifically that the earth will maintain 12,000,000,000 people. To be sure, the Creator could so arrange matters that it would sustain several times that number. The Jonadabs, the faithful people of good will, in fulfilling the divine mandate to "fill the earth", will undoubtedly be able eventually to count their descendants by the thousands. It is the plain intent of the Creator that the vindication of His name, which will take place shortly, at Armageddon, shall be told to these forever and forever.

Makes Glass Invisible

◆ At the General Electric laboratories in Schenectady, Dr. Katherine B. Blodgett, famous scientist, discovered that by dipping glass forty-four times in a new chemical combination a film is produced about four-millionths of an inch thick. This film is just thick enough to counteract all reflected light, with the result that the glass is entirely invisible.

Samples from Seven Miles Down

◆ A tapered steel rope, constructed of the finest quality of steel obtainable, is now used to bring to the surface samples of materials which lie seven miles below the surface of the ocean. It is found that as the waters increase in depth the soils at the ocean bottom become much more concentrated in radium content.

Vitamin A Relieves Eyes, Improves Color Matching

◆ MANSFIELD, Ohio—How Vitamin A can improve color matching efficiency, relieve eye fatigue and improve the general health of certain types of industrial workers is revealed by two eye specialists here.

Observations on a group of inspectors matching colors on a production line convinced the experimenters that the men were not regenerating their "visual purple" fast enough. (Visual purple is a substance in the retina of the eye closely connected with the process of seeing, particularly colors.) Knowing that the body's process of producing visual purple requires the presence of Vitamin A, the doctors prescribed three 10,000-unit capsules of carotene-in-oil daily.

At the end of seven months the specialists reported an increase in the regeneration of visual purple from 50 to 100 percent; more than 75 percent improvement in color matching efficiency, and an appreciable improvement in health, particularly where fatigue, headache and eyestrain formerly were chronic. —*Solvent News.*

Dirty Trick on Rats

◆ Newspapers entitle a story of how a professor drove rats crazy, "Dirty Trick on Rats"; and it seems to be all of that. He fixed up a contrivance by which rats were forced to jump toward one or another of two cards. They finally came to learn that when they jumped to the left the card fell down and they found themselves in peace and safety. Then he switched the cards and when the rat jumped he got his nose bumped and no food at all. After a while he refused to jump at all or even to eat; and his opinion of the scientist is the same as yours. But the scientist got \$1,000 reward for his dirty trick.

Mountings for the Big Telescope

◆ About 100 tons of the mountings for the big telescope at Mount Palomar, California, were shipped by steamer from Philadelphia. The largest single piece was 46 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high, and weighed 45 tons. The complete telescope structure will weigh about 1,000,000 pounds and be so delicately balanced that a $\frac{1}{2}$ -horsepower motor will operate it.

Protestantism

An Ideal Candidate



Religious seminaries are, as is well known, establishments where young men are taught higher criticism, hypocrisy and all the humbug of religion; in short, incubators producing atheists and dyed-in-the-wool children of the Devil. It is not often, however, that an avowed atheist and infidel suddenly expresses the desire to become a country parson.

In the year 1929 John Middleton Murry, one of the leaders of the "advanced intellectuals" in Great Britain, wrote a book entitled "God", in which he declared that, as far as he was concerned, God did not exist; thus proving himself foolish. (Psalm 53:1) Among other things, his book contained the following remarks: "God does not exist." "There is no place for God in the universe." "There have been moments in my life when I would have given my very soul to have had a God to pray to; when I sought him in loneliness and bitterness and despair. I could not find him then. I do not need him now." "The day of religion is over."

Although he did not realize the fact, the last statement is the only true one.

Murry has now entered a theological college and intends to become a country parson; for, among other mistaken ideas, he thinks it necessary to perpetuate English village life, and to do that it is, according to him, necessary to hold the young people together by means of religion.

His "conversion", he has stated, is due to a hatred of Hitler, and not, as one might expect, to repentance for the blasphemous book of which he is author, and to a desire to serve the Creator, if he has reached the point where he believes in the latter's existence. Probably the theological college will succeed in removing all traces of such a belief if it does exist.

Murry heard Hitler speak on the night after the "purge" of June, 1934, when so many of Hitler's friends and comrades were butchered. In his speech Hitler said, "I only incarnate law and justice," and implied that no trial had been necessary. "I felt just blank despair when I heard that," Murry said in an interview. "You may think me fantastic, but I said to myself: This is what the Bible meant by Anti-Christ. I was immediately forced back to traditional Christian belief, to the Church

of England which I had so belittled. Hitler was responsible for the final stage in my evolution."

If the "Church of England" is hard up for recruits, and it seems that it is, it might do well to get prospective candidates to listen to Hitler and to distribute copies of *Mein Kampf*. On the contrary, the best thing that can be done if the same organization is to lose members is for the people to learn of the Kingdom of Jehovah and to become acquainted with the Bible and literature explaining the Bible.

Without passing judgment on the sincerity of Murry, it is safe to state that if he is honest he will see through the sham and humbug of the Church of England and religion generally. If he is not, he will share the fate of all religionists in Armageddon, when Satan's brood will be destroyed for ever.—J. A. Williams, Lithuania.

Preached on Nephew

♦ The papers do not say that the "Reverend" S. Fraser Langford, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ocean Park, California, preached on a cockfight or a tussle for mastery between a couple of bulldogs. No, it was on nothing unspiritual like that. What he preached on, the Bible having lost interest for him and for his flock because of him, was his own nephew, Douglas Corrigan, aviator, the same young man that allegedly read his compass upside down and so landed in Ireland instead of California. The pews were full of people and the pulpit was full of prunes. The show was worth a couple of shirt buttons.

A Kick from the Butler

♦ In his church paper the "Reverend" Leonard Spiller, of St. Martin's church, West Acton, London, expostulated as follows:

We should be grateful if communicants would take only a tiny sip from the chalice. Three times recently it has been necessary to reconsecrate wine, although plenty of wine was put in the chalice at first. One of the first communicants practically drained the chalice.

Biblical Illiterates

♦ Dr. Charles Arbuckle, professor of homiletics at Andover Newton theological school, declares that the present crop of theological students are Biblical illiterates, with an astonishing lack of Biblical knowledge.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Contrasts

● One outstanding difference between Nazi totalitarianism and the democratic kind under which Britain is now governed is the liberty of the subject to say what he thinks, and under ordinary circumstances to do as he wishes, always excepting in matters that are treasonable, or openly or suspected as detrimental to the State. He is free to express his criticism openly, and his newspapers have the same liberty. He is not afraid of a spy listening to what he has to say; he is free to turn his radio set to listen to any foreign speaker denounce his country and its politicians, whereas in Germany and under Nazi rule listening in to broadcasts from Britain is not only forbidden but has heavy and drastic punishments for those who are caught listening. This inheritance of a free people is a most treasured possession, and it is not a matter for surprise that there are watchful eyes turned towards any action that even appears as if officialdom were acting aggressively.

Great Efforts and Great Problems

● In its preparations for taking over the concerns and the care of a big family of 45,000,000 persons the Government has taken on an enormously heavy job. In its wisdom, Parliament, all parties agreeing, has given the various tasks to several ministries each of which has authority to make orders which have the force of an act of Parliament itself. Penalties are set for refusal to obey, or for neglect to conform to the orders of these ministries, and the ordinary means of appeal are not available. The ministries got busy, and the whole of the country is flooded with rules and regulations. It must be presumed that the intentions of Parliament are wholly for the good and the welfare of the people, and the same will be granted for those who are responsible for the management of the various ministries; but the urgency of the work and its magnitude have perhaps unavoidably led to some confusion and even to failure. The fish supply of the country was controlled, but either because of management or the inherent

wrongness of the scheme the whole business was thrown into confusion. It does seem that there was something wrong when, as reported, fish caught in English waters, or landed in an English port, was sent to the north of Scotland to be marketed, and then to be sent back to England to be retailed. Billingsgate, London's fish market, was closed: it was subjected to a general evacuation idea, a scheme which "emptied" London of many of the banks' offices, insurance offices, and also government offices, as well as hundreds of thousands of young children. A fish center was set going in some unannounced place in the southern counties; but the scheme was a failure, and Billingsgate is once more itself. Other failures might be noted; but on the other hand there is no possible question that the nation's supplies are being handled to general benefit. Those who are responsible are undoubtedly laboring hard to make the very best service available; but undoubtedly there are many officials clothed with a bit of extra authority and who have not learned to use it for the public good.

Evacuation

● The evacuation of the children from London and most of the large cities and towns was effected with success; but the settling down has brought many problems, some of them difficult. Many of the children and their mothers, transplanted abruptly into conditions of life in country villages, have given much trouble to the local authorities into whose care they were put. Some parents have refused to stay, and some mothers whose children were taken away have gone for them and brought them back. Schooling in the villages, and for those now in the towns, is one of the problems. In the towns the schools are closed, and it is said that in Manchester there are at least 95,000 children who are in the homes and the streets having no schooling. And the fitting in in the homes of the people has brought troubles and sorrows to many. But there is a great advantage to a very large number of children: they are out of the streets and perhaps slums and into the open fresh air of the country, and will without question get the advantage which life in the open gives.

Stories both pathetic and humorous are told. A woman helper, relating some of her experiences, tells how she gave a youngster a shilling, bidding him go to the local grocery for a half pound of butter. The nipper put

the money on the table, saying, "I shan't need that, lidy: I always lift it for mother, and I'll do it for you." Another tells of putting two young things to bed, but going into the room later to see them, and finding them under the bed. When roused and gotten from under it, they said that at home their father and mother slept in their bed and they slept under it! Others tell of the affection of the children in response to care to which apparently they were not accustomed. The costs of this evacuation have been, and must continue to be very heavy, and certainly if the war should last three years the problem is a great one.

Another evacuation, under compulsion, has brought much discomfort to a class used to comfort and ease, and loss and great inconvenience to those who provided it. Hundreds of large boarding houses and hotels have been commandeered by various Government officers, for the accommodation of staffs, either military or civil servants whose work has been removed from London to places less likely to be bombed when that feature of the war starts in earnest.

For a few weeks after the declaration that a state of war existed the Ministry of Information seemed to be an office for withholding information; but lately, under some pressure, the authorities have allowed some newspaper news of the war activities, both at home and overseas. The people were beginning to show signs of being puzzled to know both what the Government is doing and what its intentions, but now something of the enormous extent of material preparation for a severe and prolonged conflict has been revealed.

All Europe on the Trek

• In Britain children, and their mothers, counted by the million, have been moved and businesses have been transferred from the cities. In the war zones in Germany's western and southern borders whole towns have been cleared of the inhabitants; in the smaller states of central and southeastern Europe hundreds of thousands of persons have been torn arbitrarily from their homes, compelled to seek what they could in a far-away land; in the northeastern Baltic States there is the same upheaval of the peoples; Poland has had its people destroyed or they have fled from their homes, and in far-away Finland there is hasty removal of the people from the cities.

It would be easy to say that all this has come about through the mad ambition of a man who

wants power over his fellows, and who is aided and abetted by a gang of ruthless men who use his ambition for their own selfish ends. There are other reasons. Judge Rutherford, as spokesman for Jehovah's witnesses, has now been heard throughout the world declaring the main fact in the case which lies deeper than the ambitions or disputes of men and nations. He has declared to the whole world that the time is now come which God by His prophets foretold, and of which Jesus spoke: the time when He will bring to pass His purpose to bring the whole earth into judgment, preparatory to the full establishment of His kingdom in the earth. One of the factors in that preparation is the conflict between that wicked spirit, the Devil, and God's King, Jesus, the conflict told of in The Revelation the 12th chapter, and about which, as the immediate effect in the earth, it is said, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth . . . for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Verse 12) By His prophet Zephaniah (chapter three, verse 8), God said that the day would come when He would gather the nations that He might pour out on them His indignation; and Jesus spoke of that day as the time of the world's greatest trouble, and as fulfilling the prophecy which God had spoken by Daniel, a prophet whose visions are utterly refused by the so well "educated" Protestant clergy. For some years the witness to the fact that Jehovah's time is come has been given by the hand of faithful men and women, carrying it from house to house, from village to village, and from city to city, the world over; it has been broadcast through the earth by radio, and by public meetings. But though thousands have heard, and been warned thereby, and have accepted both the word of truth and the obligation to take up the work of witnessing which follows, both the rulers of the people and the people themselves have refused to heed, ignoring the warning given them. Religion and religionists have the chief responsibility for this. The leaders of religion, led by the main body, the Roman Catholic section, have taken active opposition, and have been ruthless in manner of trying to crush both the message and the messengers of Jehovah. In their ignorance of the Scriptures the people have taken religionists at their own estimation of themselves, and have accepted their claim to be the only ones who could understand the Scriptures, and have the

right to say what these shall mean, and to represent God and Christ in the earth.

The people do not understand that in the main the Protestant clergy are unbelievers in the Scriptures, that they use them deceitfully. Those written before the time of Jesus when He was on earth, commonly known as the Old Testament, they put aside, except to make use of its expressions and stories to illustrate some point they wish to emphasize; the Greek Scriptures, the New Testament, as it is familiarly called, they use mainly to support their various dogmas or their forms of church government. The Roman church claims to take the whole of the Scriptures, and claims to have the sole right to say what they mean; it also claims the right to add to them and to give equal authority, writings of uninspired men both before the days of Jesus, and those of the "fathers" of the church of Rome, and thus comes under the condemnation of the words which are almost the last in the Word of God,—"If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life . . ." (see Revelation 22:19). Also the previous verse says, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

It is clear that this day of Jehovah's judgment brings into light and into judgment every evil power and work: the Devil, who has deceived the whole world, the religionists and their works which have both deceived men and stood in the way of the truth, and all who have refused to heed the warning, that they might find a place of safety. Why Satan has been allowed to have rule in the earth as the "god of this world", as Paul named him, or "the prince of this world", as Jesus spoke of him, and for so long a time, and how and when that rule comes to an end with the judgment and the vengeance of God against every evil system and on its supporters, and those who willingly allow themselves to be deceived—all these things are fully explained in the literature of Jehovah's witnesses.

Dreams of a Dean

• The dean of Durham cathedral, Dr. C. A. Alington, told his hearers of his desire to be counted among the dreamers who look forward to a federal union of the democratic countries of the world—"all the countries which share Britain's belief in freedom." He

hopes that out of the turmoil of the war and the nations' disputes there may come in Europe a federation of the States from which war and the threat of war shall be banished; a Europe in which a man may freely practice his religion, where he could be sure of justice, where trade should be controlled for the common good, and where the peoples of different races, traditions and opinions could live side by side in friendship. The dean thinks all this is practicable, and says, "All these dreams," whether such as he dreamt or that Europe should form itself into such a federation of States as is seen in the United States of America, "are infinitely less great than the dream of a catholic church which the apostle Paul told to the Ephesians 2,000 years ago." Dr. Alington is a well-educated man, knows what his church stands for, and is liberally minded, and tolerant towards those with whom he differs in theology—the "science" of religion! But when he speaks of what Paul said about the church of God, the church of Jesus Christ, and calls it a dream, he reveals how deeply he is immersed in the darkness of religion. Paul was no dreamer. Taught of the Lord himself, as he so definitely says, at Galatians chapter one, verses 11 and 12, "The gospel which was preached of me is not after man; for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ," and under the guidance of and instruction of the holy spirit, he knew that the church of Christ would never be a catholic church in the sense that word is used by religionists. The church of Christ never had a great earthly future before it. Born out of the death of Jesus as redeemer, and who was raised out of the dead by the power of God, the church began its work of witnessing on the day it was anointed by the holy spirit, represented in the little company gathered in the upper room, waiting for the power from on high. Those who had been with the Lord had heard him tell of the hatred they should experience from the world as they witnessed the things they had heard of him, and of the things they should be told by him through the spirit. They knew they must ever be a company apart, and must work and wait till He should again return from heaven; they knew that they must endure in faith and hope till that time, and that though they would fall asleep those who followed them in the footsteps of Jesus would find acceptance in that day of the Lord's return, only as they endured to the end. There was no

thought of a great church which should dominate the earth or even permeate its forms of life; but rather that at the end the church of Jesus would be saved only by His intervention. Religionists began to dream of a great place in the earth, and they set about implementing their dreams; and to the extent which history past and present records, they have made a name and a place for themselves in the earth. Neither the dean's dream nor any of those of good men who want to see peace in the earth will ever be realized by what men or churches can do: the only hope (and it is a sure one because spoken by God, the Creator

himself) is the establishment of His kingdom, set up by His own direct action in the earth. After the church of Christ, the faithful witnesses and disciples of Jesus, have done their work, meeting such as the Herods and Pilates as there are in this day, the time will come for the church to be united to the Lord, and then in power with Him fulfill the purposes of God, a royal nation taken out from among men. But the leaders of religion persist in trying to hold up their systems rather than turn in simplicity and humility to the Word of God. Their houses as well as their dreams will fail them.

Natural Phenomena

Curious Lake Ronkonkoma

♦ Lake Ronkonkoma, on Long Island, New York, is about a mile across, with neither inlets nor outlets, but it has a strange disposition. On one occasion, July 22, 1918, the lake fell three feet in three hours, and in two days, early in March, 1939, it rose eight feet. The Indians had a legend that the lake is fed by a river from New England that runs under

Long Island sound; and this may be the true explanation.

The Antarctic Icecap

♦ The Antarctic icecap, seven thousand feet thick and flowing down on all sides to the sea at the rate of 46 yards a year, is so huge that if it were suddenly to melt the excess water would cause a flood almost equal to that of Noah's day.

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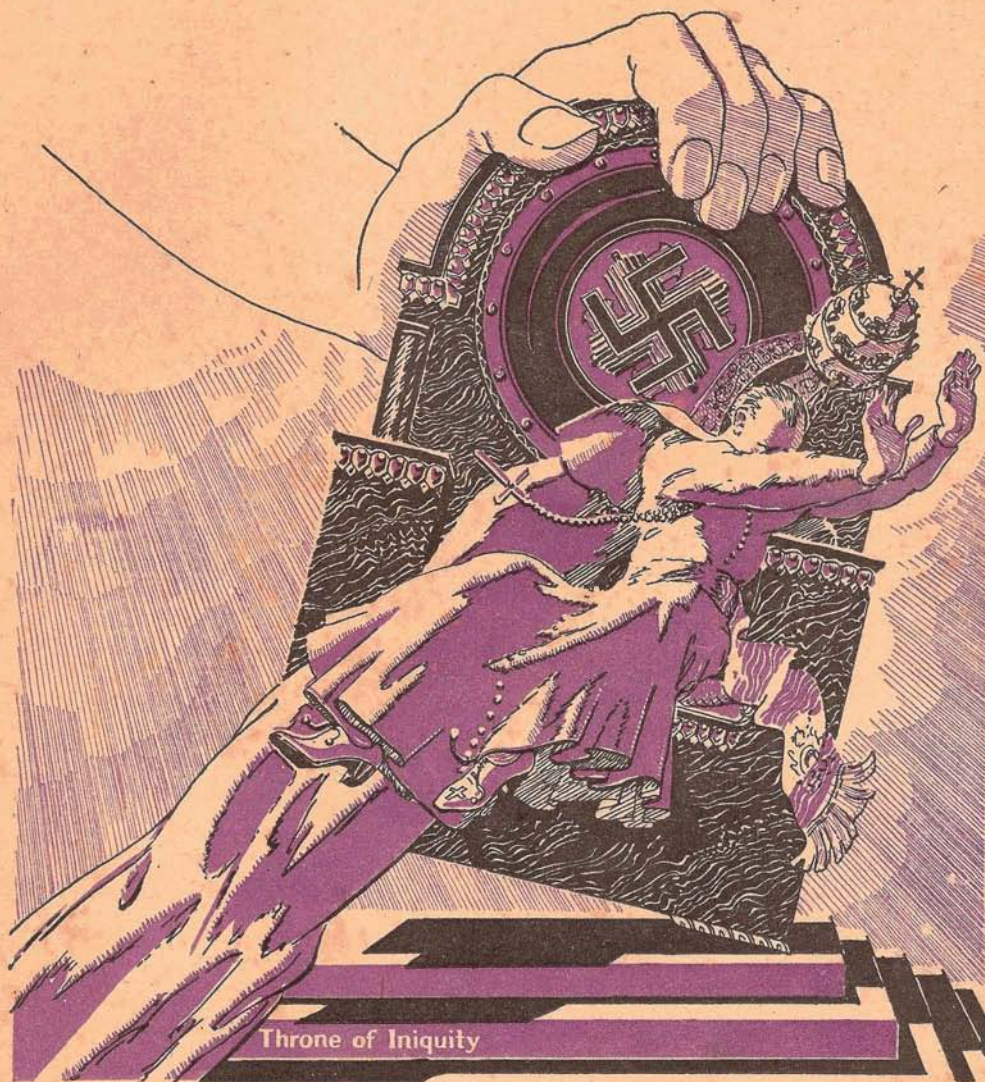
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Pharmacy is another name for tilling the soil.

False doctrine means giving people the wrong medicine.

The stomach is the most dilated part of the elementary canal.

Hell hath no fury like a woman's corn.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

A Petty Officer is one who looks after the ladies.

Sinister means a woman who hasn't married.

The Darkey's hour is just before the dawn.

This is a very famous African proverb.

Account of the feudal system:—William the Conqueror was thrown from his horse and wounded in the feudal system.

Velocity is what anybody puts down a hot plate with.

Guerilla warfare is when monkeys fight each other.

The home of the swallow is the stomach.

The earth makes a resolution every 24 hours.

The difference between air and water is—air can be made wetter, but water cannot.

A parallel straight line is an imaginary line which, if produced to meet itself, does not meet.

The pilot saved his life by jumping out of the plane with a parasite.

The Pencil Supply

"Where's your pencil, Alf?"

"Ain't got one, teacher."

"How many times have I told you not to say that? Listen: I haven't got one, you haven't got one, they haven't got one."

"Well, where are all the blinkin' pencils?"
 —*Kellygram*.

Thoughtful

Office boy, after investigating: No, the boss is not in.

Caller: Oh, and I have forgotten my visiting cards.

Office boy: Oh, that's all right. I told him who you were!

Where Teacher Had Failed

Teacher: "I have went." That's wrong, isn't it?

Pupil: Yes, teacher.

Teacher: Why is it wrong?

Pupil: Because you ain't went yet.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Roosevelt's Ambassador to the Pope

(In Two Parts—Part 1)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT is the servant of the American people, not their boss. The people, by their duly elected representatives and senators, make the laws. The president executes them. He does what the people tell him he may do, and refrains from doing what he has not been commissioned to do. The Constitution, under which he works, sets forth the will of the people. They made the Constitution; it is their official statement of the limitations they put upon their own servants.

Roosevelt was entirely out of bounds when he appointed Myron C. Taylor, ex-chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, his personal ambassador to the pope. This was purely a political move, and against the best interests of the American people, and intended for their enslavement to the Papacy, above and beyond the enslavement under which they are already chafing.

Roosevelt sent for Archbishop Spellman, of New York, and told him on the night of December 23 of Taylor's appointment, and asked him to convey to the pope this illicit compliment to him and outrageous insult to the American people. Spellman's picture appears on this page. He was pleased with the president's betrayal of the American people, his violation of the Constitution.

An Ostensible Peace Move

Roosevelt's ostensible peace move was not a peace move at all; it was a political move,
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Archbishop Spellman
(Roosevelt's Internuncio)

to see how the American people would take this latest insult to their intelligence and affront to their liberties. The war is principally between Germany and Britain, and the appointment is unwelcome to either the British Government or the British people. Only one British newspaper paid any attention to what the British people are clever enough to see is purely an internal American political move, a camouflage.

Roosevelt's letter to the pope is as unscriptural and un-American as it was uncalled for and unwanted. In it he said,

We remember that the Christmas star was first seen by shepherds in the hills long before the leaders knew of the great light which had entered the world.

What is the use of remembering something that is not so? The star which the magi (magicians, spiritists) saw, some two years after the birth of Jesus, was not a "Christmas star" at all; it was merely an eerie, phantom light, which the Devil used to try to bring about the death of the newborn King. The shepherds never saw that false light, but they did see the angels from heaven, on the very night the Savior was born. As far as their "leaders", the clergy, are concerned, they never saw anything; their only interest in Jesus, the Son of God, was to get Him out of the way, put Him to death, which they finally did.

Roosevelt speaks of the "dark ages" which he thinks were dark because of the barbarians and not because of the dreadful Inquisition



which the popes inaugurated and maintained. He says of the period that followed the Inquisition that—through a rekindling of the inherent spiritual spark in mankind, another rebirth brought back order and culture and religion.

There is no “inherent spiritual spark in mankind”. Few indeed of the human family have ever been brought forth of the Lord’s spirit, and fewer still will ever see God’s face.

I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place: all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.—Ecclesiastes 3:18-20.

Roosevelt thinks that after the “dark ages” there was more religion. He ought to know that there never was a period in earth’s history when the people were so downtrodden and overrun with superstition and ignorance of Almighty God as during those same “dark ages”. The people had too much religion then, and they have had too much always. Religion is merely reverence for human tradition and human teachers and ignoring of God’s Word of truth and of God himself, the Author of that Word.

Not All Are Children of God

In his surprising letter of misinformation Roosevelt said of the masses of the common people:

They know that the civilization handed down to us by our fathers was built by men and women who knew in their hearts that all were brothers because they were children of God.

Roosevelt should have been told long ago that Jesus said of the clergy of His day:

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.—John 8:44.

He seems to think that there are no children of the Devil. How, then, would he explain such statements as these?—

He that committeth sin is of the devil.—1 John 3:8.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.—1 John 3:10.

He knows that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy claims the right to murder every person teaching differently from the Roman



Catholic Church, and overlooks the obvious truth that—

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

—1 John 3:15.

Roosevelt, as a matter of policy, extended a sop to both the Protestants and the Jews; he would see their representatives himself, and did so. But that was all camouflage. His real deal is with the pope.

A Dictatorship Foreseen

Forewarned through God’s Word, Jehovah’s witnesses have been anticipating for years that the present move would be made. In the book *Riches*, page 253, Judge Rutherford said, in part, “In other words, the president of the United States agreed to support the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, a foreign power, and to openly do so as soon as the public could be blinded enough to come around to it.” See the entire chapter on “Philistines”, and especially pages 249-254. The same subject is also referred to in the book *Enemies*, page 291, which please see. God foresaw all this centuries ago.

By one artifice after another Roosevelt has persuaded Congress to put in his hands the power to, at any time, without consulting Congress, (a) close all the banks of the nation; (b) close all the stock exchanges and forbid the sale of all stocks and bonds for ninety days at a time; (c) prohibit the export of coal; (d) restrict travel between the United States and foreign countries; (e) change the gold content of the dollar, and thus change the value of wages and property of every sort; (f) reduce the weight of the silver dollar; (g) commandeer all silver in the hands of the people, as gold has already been commandeered; (h) regulate rates of exchange of all foreign currencies and the amount of such currencies that American citizens may acquire; (i) raise or lower tariffs at will; (j) tell the farmers what and how much they can plant, and fix prices for their products; (k) extend or withhold money or work or farm relief; (l) exercise absolute, unlimited power to stop free speech over the radio.

Many other tremendous powers have been wheedled away from Congress (the people) and placed in the president’s hands, and when recently a Congressional body wanted a list of them, and asked the Department of Justice for them, the then attorney general, Murphy, refused the information. That is rich. Who pay the attorney general?

Free Speech over the Radio



Maybe you did not know that the Federal Communications Commission by its edict 42.03 decreed that a licensee of an international broadcast station may render only an international broadcast "which will reflect the culture of his country and which will promote international good will, understanding and co-operation". In other words, you may talk discreetly about "Mother and Home", but if you get down to brass tacks and holler about something wrong, then you are all through.

Samuel B. Pettengill, Democratic member of Congress in 1931-1938, helped write the Act which created the Federal Communications Commission, and declares that every member of that legislative committee most positively understood and intended and specified that not one thing was to be understood or construed as giving the Commission any powers of censorship at all, or promulgating or fixing in any way the right of free speech by radio communication.

Mr. Pettengill, writing on this subject for the National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government, says with a punch:

This is a mell of a hess! It used to be supposed that any American who had something on his chest could hire a hall and speak his mind. We used to think that this was the essence of free speech. Now, however, men are not to be permitted to buy time on the radio to discuss public questions. Through the control of "balanced programs" and "free time" the broadcasters exercise a censorship on not only what is said but also who says it. This is a part of the black-out of freedom whose dark shadow is crossing the Atlantic.

The victims are the millions of American people who are to be denied the opportunity to listen if they choose to do so. The victim is any American now or in the years to come who may want to pe-

tition his fellow men and his Congress for the redress of grievances. The victims are the minor political parties and minority groups. The denial of the right of one American is an encroachment upon the rights of all Americans.

Who egged on the broadcasters? This takes us behind the scenes where the wheels go round and the wires are pulled. It brings us to the question of the extraordinary power over the radio that is now in Mr. Roosevelt's hands. Would you believe it if I were to tell you that today, *now*, the president may shut up any and all radio stations

whatsoever? He may shut America off the air. He may take over the broadcasting stations and turn them and their apparatus over to some government department. He may make of radio a government monopoly, with the result that no program and no speech could go on the air that was in conflict with his views.

On its face the new code forbidding the purchase of radio time for the discussion of "controversial" questions has a clever appearance of fairness. But no one whose eyeteeth have been cut need be fooled by any offer to give "free time" on balanced programs. Beware of Greeks bearing gifts! Free speech is the right of all, and the "gift" of none!

These "balanced programs" are old stuff. The reds know it well. It has been a practice with them to stage public debates. On one side they put up one of their veteran speakers, skilled in all the arts of the platform. On the other side they select a "soft" advocate of free enterprise—young, inexperienced, with pebbles in his mouth. The veteran steals the show.

This effort to control radio has been going on a long time. Advertisers, station owners, and manufacturers and merchants of radio sets had better wake up. Their interests are at stake. If the American people once get the idea that someone behind the scenes is deciding what they shall *not* hear, they may tune off, to someone's huge detriment.

Frank Gannett, chairman of the committee last above named, and once an enthusiastic supporter of Roosevelt, now clearly discerns that the president is a dictator in all but in



Excelsior!



name, calls upon him to resign, and sets forth some additional reasons. The statement, issued at Washington, said, in part:

His Administration has proved a failure. It began with one hundred days of recovery and stimulation of private enterprise. Then it turned to a program of scarcity, to restriction of production, to regimentation, to control of everything and everybody from Washington, and finally it destroyed incentive and began a spending program that now endangers our country.

No president ever had so great an opportunity. Congress, at the peril of undermining our democracy, granted him the almost unlimited emergency powers and money which he demanded. He promised to use these delegated powers to bring recovery, but he used that power and money and patronage to get more power and to build up a great self-perpetuating nation-wide political machine.

He shackled private enterprise with political controls. Now he invades banking and credit fields with proposals which such advisers as Mr. Berle admit will give the government growing control of banking and private business. He saps the nation's strength by overtaxation. While diverting the public mind with false promises of abundance and security, he has failed to bring re-employment to ten million. The great middle class which earns and pays its own way and pays the taxes that support government now faces destruction.—In *New York Times*.

Not the Only American

To hear some people talk, you would think Roosevelt is the only American. He is said by some to be the idol of the Jewish people, the C.I.O., the unemployed, the Negroes, the pink-fringe political parties, and the old folks; but the facts are that the country as a whole, and hence the interests of all these, are in much worse condition than when he went into office. Roosevelt has not overlooked the fact that all these people are voters.

He has been on the lookout for religious voters, too, particularly Catholic religious voters. In one of his recent letters he said, "There never has been a time in our history when there was deeper need for calling our people to faith in religion than the present moment." (*New York Times*) It is too bad he did not take time to digest Judge Rutherford's "COUNSEL" in *Consolation* No. 501, page 17, on "Revival of the Spirit of Religion". It covers the case completely. Here it may suffice to merely remark that religion caused the death of all the prophets, religion caused the crucifixion of Christ, religion murdered not less than 50,000,000 persons in the Crusades

and in the Inquisition, and religion put 2,000 innocent Christian men and women in prison in America in the last few years for doing what the Supreme Court has now decided they have a perfect right to do—worship God by obeying His command to take the Kingdom message from house to house as did the Lord and the apostles.

This business of kowtowing to religion needs fumigating. Roosevelt would claim, no doubt, to be a Jeffersonian democrat. He says, "The defense of religion, of democracy and of good faith among nations are all the same fight"; but Jefferson called the clergy "cannibal priests" and their racket "superstition".

"The Forgotten Roosevelt"

Roosevelt himself is an alleged Episcopalian, but the *Columbia* (Knights of Columbus) magazine of December, 1933, published the fact that his father's first cousin, James Roosevelt Bayley, was the first bishop of Newark, N.J. See facsimile in *Consolation* No. 482, pages 14, 15. Roosevelt went into further detail on this in his note to the Catholic University of America when he said, recently:

I had hoped that I might, in connection with the jubilee, again visit the institution which honored me with its degree and in whose progress I have, therefore, the enthusiastic interest of an alumnus. God speed C. U. [Catholic University] in the attainment of its noblest aims.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for mentioning a personal and family interest in the archdiocese of Baltimore, which latterly became the archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, within whose bounds the university is situated. An earlier archbishop of Baltimore, James Roosevelt Bayley, was my father's first cousin. Those of you who are familiar with the succession in the line of Baltimore prelates know that Archbishop Bayley, a nephew, by the way, of Mother Seton, was the immediate predecessor of the venerable Cardinal Gibbons, whose friendship was very dear to me and whose memory is in benediction.—In *New York Times*.



Maybe Roosevelt does not know why he is an Episcopalian; so it may not be out of place to remind him that the 19th article of faith of the Church of England specifies that "the Church of Rome hath erred, not only in their living and manner of ceremonies, but also in matters of faith". Also, article 22: "The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardons, worshiping and adoration, as well of images as of reliques, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture,

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but rather repugnant to the Word of God." Also, article 28: "Transubstantiation (or the change of the substance of bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lord cannot be proved by Holy Writ, but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions." Also, article 37: "The Bishop of Rome hath no jurisdiction in this realm of England." It appears that Roosevelt is a much better Roman Catholic than he is an Episcopalian.

Jim Farley's Toe Hold

Roosevelt is a clever politician, but not half as clever as Jim Farley, who made him president and who never forgets a name, a face or a fact. Jim goes over to Vatican City every little while to find out what he should do to please the "holy father"; and don't you think for a minute that he goes without ideas or comes away without more. On a certain day not so long ago he visited the pope and told him that he is the only person in the whole world that can really mediate in the troubled condition now on earth. On that very day the pope sent his special ambassador to Warsaw to try to get them to surrender peaceably to their brother Catholic, Adolf Hitler. They did not do it, and you know what happened. Here are two interesting statements in this connection:

It was clear from the beginning that Pope Pius XII was working for a German-Polish compromise. The Vatican denied it again and again, but its denials were never very convincing. Now the cat is out of the bag—the Holy See admits a Vatican envoy went to Warsaw to put "sense" into the heads of the Polish rulers.—Ludwig Lore, in *New York Post*.

Even the Vatican has contributed its negative item in today's news by unofficially denying that a high prelate has been sent to Warsaw. One can only repeat that the news came from an authoritative source and, whether true or not, it would be denied on general principles, since the utmost secrecy is always maintained regarding the Holy See's diplomacy.—Associated Press dispatch from Rome.

The Cincinnati *Post* carried a big story, long before Roosevelt appointed his private ambassador to the pope, showing that the whole situation had been discussed between Mundelein, Roosevelt and Pacelli as to the position of the United States respecting this new war; that there had been conferences both as to policy and as to language and that the three were in complete accord. Without a

doubt this idea of a private ambassador was fixed up months or possibly years ago.

In an address to the Haitian minister to the Vatican the pope showed that he had in mind that he would like to be arbitrator. He said, in effect, that he had a desire to see, after the present war, "a stable and fruitful international organization" that "will respect the rights of God". That was good of him, to make a few suggestions for helping God out in a pinch. His idea of God is that it is the Roman Catholic Church, of which the Devil is the head and the pope is his spokesman. It might do the pope a little temporary good if he would take some time to think about the real God, the great Jehovah, and the limitless power which is always His. Here are some of the texts:

Is any thing too hard for Jehovah?—Genesis 18: 14, *Am. Rev. Version*.

Ah, Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.—Jeremiah 32: 17.

I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.—Matthew 3: 9.

With God all things are possible.—Matthew 19: 26.

For with God nothing shall be impossible.—Luke 1: 37.

Take Another Look at Spellman



Take another look at Spellman, the archbishop of New York, the president's selection to bear his message to the Papal legate—a message that he has concurred in the Vatican's wishes and illegally sent a personal ambassador to represent him there. You will see his picture on page 3. Spellman recently publicly deplored the fact that man "fails to realize his spiritual nature, his immortal destiny". It should be explained to the gentleman that only a very few of mankind will ever have a spiritual resurrection or an "immortal destiny". Man was made to live on the earth; and on the earth, with rare exceptions, he will live if he lives at all.

Spellman has some things to explain, notably about one of Roman Catholicism's brightest and most shining lights, ex-judge Martin T. Manton, next to the United States Supreme Court in dignity at one time, and a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, and living in Spellman's archdiocese. In Spellman's presence, the "Reverend Father" Cornelius

J. Drew, addressing the Catholic lawyers of New York city, said:

"Inspired by religion, a lawyer would never deface justice by shearing her locks that look like gold; he would never suborn witnesses for guilty criminals, whose retainer is ill-gotten goods that curse rather than bless their possessor; he would never exercise judicial authority for dishonest profit; he would never conspire to defeat justice." —In New York Times.

Manton was not mentioned by name, but he should have been. Why was he not? Archbishop Spellman was present and heard what "Father" Drew said, and missed the golden opportunity to stand on his hind legs and say: "Drew means that dirty crook, Martin T. Manton." Such a statement would have done more to convince the American people of Spellman's honesty and sincerity than all the other things he ever said and did put together.

Just about the time that Manton was sentenced to two years in prison for selling justice over the counter, like so much pork or molasses, Bishop Gannon made the public statement that the Roman Catholic Church has gone to great lengths to establish a national system of moral education in the United States and needs the help of the government to carry on. Awk!

Manton, Persecutor of Judge Rutherford



The first of the suits involved in the conspiracy, the *Art Metal Works* case, was begun in 1932, the defense being assumed by the Evans Case Company. Reilly, president of the company, was one of the conspirators. He advised with Fallon about the case on a number of occasions. He gave Fallon, at the latter's request, many sums of money aggregating thousands of dollars and for several years carried him on the pay roll of the Evans Case Company at \$100 per week and paid him other sums, the whole amounting to nearly \$20,000. The District Court having decided the case against the Evans Case Company, the company appealed. In another case decided in its favor an appeal was taken by the losing party. After some negotiations between Reilly and Fallon, the former expressed a willingness to pay \$25,000 upon Fallon's assurance of favorable action by Manton on the appeal, \$15,000 to go to Manton as a loan. At a later time, Reilly was informed by Fallon by telephone that he had learned that the decision would be favorable and "that the Judge [Manton] was in bad circumstances for the money and wanted to know if I could not get \$10,000 as quickly as possible". About the same time, decisions favorable to the Evans Case Company were handed down, the opinions being rendered by Manton. Reilly then paid Fallon \$10,000 in cash and also gave him three \$500

checks. The \$10,000 was entered in the books of the Evans Case Company as "Prepaid Royalties, Air-Flow". Subsequently, on motion of Reilly, the board of directors of the company directed that the item be transferred to the "legal and professional account for litigation expense".

During the summer of 1934, Reilly was introduced by Fallon to Manton, and thereafter Reilly, Manton and Fallon played golf together, and Reilly lunched with Manton at the Lawyers Club and went out with Manton and his wife, Fallon at times being present. In February, 1939, Manton resigned his office. A day or two before the resignation was to take effect Manton called Reilly on the long-distance telephone and told him he understood that he had Bill (meaning Fallon) on the pay roll. Receiving an affirmative reply, Manton said: "That will be very embarrassing for me if found out, because I heard they intend to investigate." Manton then said: "Couldn't you pull out these pages?" Reilly answered he knew nothing about bookkeeping and would not know where to begin. Manton repeated that it would be very embarrassing for him, and Reilly responded: "I don't know what to do about it."

After the lapse of a few hours, Reilly had another long-distance telephone talk with Manton, first asking him if it was all right to talk. Manton answered: "I don't think exactly." Manton then asked Reilly for his telephone number and said that he would call him back under another name. Later in the same day, the call was made, and the former conversation was repeated in substance. In the course of this conversation, Manton spoke of the statute of limitations and said that it would protect them in the *Art Metal* investigation; that anything that was three years old was outlawed. Manton again spoke of Fallon's being carried on the pay roll, saying that it was a great embarrassment to him, and urged getting rid of the records because of the *Art Metal* investigation. Manton admitted that telephone conversation between himself and Reilly occurred, and that he initiated them, but gave a different version of what was said.

A few days later, Reilly directed the bookkeeper to procure all the records and to destroy them. The bookkeeper destroyed the records of the company up to 1935—cashbooks, ledgers, bills, vouchers and everything, with the exception of some papers subsequently discovered and turned over to the Government.

Manton's Friend Spector



Spector had received from Andrews \$5,000. Instead of transferring the sum by one check to Manton's secretary, he first drew a check for \$2,437.60, and a day or two later another check for \$2,562.40, the two aggregating \$5,000, the proceeds of both finding their way into the hands of a Manton corporation. On another occasion the sum of \$5,000 was divided into two checks, one for

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\$2,615.66 and the other for \$2,384.34. Both checks bear the same date, and the proceeds followed the same course as in the preceding instance. Taken in connection with other evidence, it is hard to explain these devices upon any other theory than that they were adopted to conceal the real facts and to aid in the consummation of the criminal conspiracy. —Part of the Decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals confirming Manton's conviction of the conspiracy to obstruct the administration of justice and to defraud the United States.

It seems never to occur to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy that murder is murder. The extermination of the Albigenses, of Languedoc, now France, in the year 1229 (A.D.), was by command of the pope, was endorsed by Pius XI just before he passed into the oblivion from which he will never awake, and in direct line with every pope's policy of butchering or causing the butchery of all who disagree with him. It is of interest to Americans to be told that the rosary was worn by all the soldiers that murdered the Albigenses. This information comes in the Burlington (N. C.) *Daily Times*. The speaker was the "Reverend Father" Ambrose Smith, of New Orleans.

At Valdese, North Carolina, are now living descendants of the Waldensians, whose ancestors also suffered similar terrible things in France because they loved God and hated the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. A quotation from the *Fact Digest* follows:

The army went from town to town, killing all they met, burning their homes and destroying their crops of corn. Sixty men and thirty women of Cabueres surrendered, upon promise that their lives would be saved, but as soon as they surrendered they were killed. Some women hid in a church were brought out and put in a barn and the barn set on fire. Twenty-two towns were destroyed and thousands were killed and the community ruined, all by the [Roman Catholic] church and its president [the pope].

The Murderous Hierarchy

 America has few leaders who have any principle or any backbone. Maury Maverick, of San Antonio, is an exception. Favoring free speech for even the Communists, he bravely stood by the Constitution to let a little group of 75 persons hear a woman lecture. The archbishop of San Antonio, A. J. Drossaerts, is an anarchist and used his immense power to impede the carriage of justice. The county commissioners and American Legion of San Antonio yelped in the same pack, thus showing they also are anarchists at heart

and serve the American flag only because they dare not do otherwise. Newspapers were yellow at heart, as usual.

Under the guidance of the "Reverend Father" M. A. Valenta, secretary to the archbishop, a mob of 8,000 was gathered which crashed through a cordon of 180 police and did \$3,000 of damage, besides injuring 17 persons. Valenta led his mob to a policeman and they took away the officer's pistol and cap. Police were stoned.

Not a priest, rabbi, clergyman, businessman, labor leader or newspaper had the courage to stand by the courageous mayor in this seizure of power by the anarchist archbishop and the Ku Klux Klan, and when some decent and honest Americans in the city wrote to the newspapers defending Maverick, the letters, though not printed, were turned over to other anarchists, who waited upon the writers and threatened them with violence. This exhibition in San Antonio is a fair picture of what the Vatican gangsters have in mind for America very soon.

Practically every window in the auditorium was broken. Though many police were injured by the Hierarchy-inspired mob, no citizen was injured in return. However, the mayor has served notice that the next time there is an ungodly riot in San Antonio the police will give them the works; and they should.

Judge Rutherford and the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of which he is president, have damage suits against the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and allies for some \$450,000 for various conspiracies to deprive Jehovah's witnesses of their Scriptural, legal and constitutional rights, in Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania. These suits can, and no doubt will, be multiplied in numbers and damages asked as time goes on. An item in the boilerplate sheet known as *The Register* boasts that such a conspiracy in Grand Island, Nebraska, was a success, resulting in the cancellation of a contract for the use of the Majestic theater there. The headline read, "Catholic Groups Stop Rutherford Theater Lecture." It did not read, "Jehovah's witnesses Stop Catholic Group Meeting." The conspiracy against everything American is patent on the face of it. Yet these gangsters would teach America democracy, and Roosevelt, without authorization to do so, sends a private ambassador to the head of the racket at Vatican City, to find out what the pope wants done in America.

(To be continued)

Britain

British Liberties Gone



The censorship of the press is made absolute—radio always has been controlled by the government. The stage and newsreels are censored. Private mail and that of diplomatic staffs is censored.

Any police officer may stop any public assembly if he considers it to be dangerous. Free speech is infringed by a decree providing that nothing bearing on military matters may be discussed. Government employees are ordered not to discuss their work, even with their wives.

Private premises, including homes, may be entered and searched without warrants. The government may billet soldiers or civilians in any part of the country.

The secretary of state may order any arrest he considers expedient. The government may restrict the movement of anyone in or out of the country. Any property, or undertaking, including land, may be taken by the government. Law cases, at the court's decision, may be heard in secret.

The carrying of cameras or guns is forbidden. Private citizens are forbidden to use overseas telephone service. The postoffice is given power to ban all wireless transmitters.

A national registration of all citizens is ordered. Parliamentary bye-elections are canceled; it is planned to cancel the full election scheduled for November, 1940.

A broad list of general regulations is established governing food and resources. The rationing of food is ordered. Citizens are forbidden to buy more than one week's supply of any food item, under penalties ranging from a fine of \$500 to two years in prison. The board of trade [similar to the department of commerce in the United States] is authorized to search homes and stores for food. Prices are to be fixed for meat, sugar, tea, fish, fruits, fat cattle, sheep, and pigs. The government has taken over all wholesale stocks of sugar and all imports of frozen meats. All flour mills and cereal products factories are commandeered by the government. The minister of agriculture and fisheries is given absolute control over fishing industry and the use of farm land.

All foreign stocks held by the public [estimated at four billion dollars' worth] are mobilized by the government. All British gold hold-

ings are concentrated in one pool under government control. New restrictions are placed on the export of securities, currency, and gold.

Control of railroads is taken over by the government. All hospitals are placed at the disposal of the government. The government is given power to commandeer private vehicles. Government consent is required for the transfer or mortgage of private ships or aircraft.

Unauthorized communication with any ship or aircraft is forbidden. Imports of luxuries are restricted by decree. In addition there are numerous regulations relating to personal defense. It is, for example, an offense not to carry a gas mask, and a \$500 penalty is established for showing a light at night.—Chicago Tribune.

Smaller Newspapers

◆ It now comes out, as a result of careful studies, that even before the war British newspaper space for news was only 60 percent of that of United States newspapers, and that is one of the reasons why the American in Britain was surprised to find so little about America in the British papers. As a matter of fact, the average British paper devotes as much space to America as it does to either France or Germany, which is quite remarkable when the closeness of Britain to those countries and the urgency of the relations between them are considered.

Hard Conditions in Ireland

◆ It is no fault of the Irish lads and lassies that they cannot afford to marry young, but it is a fact that the Emerald Isle now has the highest percentage of young unmarried men and women in the world. All over rural Ireland the population is falling, as far as the new little folks are concerned. The Irish are a long-lived race, and hence the curious situation arises that the country tends to become populated by the very young and the very old.

Nephews of the King

◆ Nephews of King George, 15 and 16 years of age, in school at Eton, came near getting into serious difficulty by printing in their typewritten paper, the "Harewood News", information regarding a type of gun they had seen. Reproduction of the offending article was forbidden.

Why British Officials Are Pro-Arab



I should say that those officials have never liked, and have never been willing, to carry out the Balfour Declaration. They are pro-Arab for reasons which really do appeal to many of us. In the first place the whole official class in this country, and, indeed, throughout the world, has a certain latent sympathy with Nazi Germany. The authoritarian ideal appeals particularly to officials. The totalitarian state also appeals instinctively to officials. Therefore, we have in the Civil Service, in the Army, in the Navy, and in the Air Force, among a good many of the people on top—I am not talking of the rank and file, but of the officers—a great deal of sympathy with the authoritarian view which is predominant in Germany and in Italy. We have changed all that here, but we have changed it very recently. It is the experience of the last six months which has changed the sympathy with Nazi Germany which prevailed among the governing class in this country.

Of course, changes like that take place more slowly in the outlying parts of the Empire, and one can quite well expect that point of view to drag on in Palestine. It is illustrated in the Palestine administration in various ways. For instance, *Mein Kampf* was allowed to be sold freely in Palestine, whereas a reply to it was not allowed to be published or issued in that country. Representation on the Legislative Council was desired for the German colony in Jerusalem—by nomination. Propaganda which has gone on from Germany, and which is recognized now, has been repeatedly denied from the officials as not existing. In all these ways we have seen the German attitude of mind; and, of course, with that there is the German attitude towards the Jews.—Rt. Hon. Josiah Clement Wedgwood, in an address in Parliament.

English Liberties Are Voted Away

◆ Liberty of the citizen heads the casualty list in Great Britain. To meet the thrust of dictatorship, the Defense of the Realm Act has gone into effect.

Any man may be arrested on order of the Home Secretary on no ground except that the secretary considers the arrest advisable. All premises may be entered and searched without warrant. The courts have discretion to order star chamber proceedings, either civil or criminal. The government may seize any property,

take over railroads and highways, make any food regulations it desires.

Holders of foreign bonds or securities or evidences of indebtedness, public or private, must list them with the government. They may not be sold or transferred, even to other British citizens, without official permit. If government needs them for exchange for purchases abroad, it can requisition them and pay in pounds possibly not acceptable abroad.

And in case such regulations are found insufficient, the king has power to issue decrees which shall have all the force of acts passed by Parliament.

King George VI thus is theoretically erected into a monarch with far greater power than the czar of Russia had. The defense act is temporary and for an emergency, yet, under its terms, the king is the judge of the emergency.

Made permanent, this act would put England back where it was politically before the Magna Charta was signed by King John, at the sword's point.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

The Jacob's Pillow Superstition

◆ There are some millions of British people that really believe that the stone which Jacob had for a pillow was taken to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah, was then taken to Scotland to be placed in the seat of the Scottish kings, and is now in the British coronation chair. This chair, known to be 600 years old, is always carefully crated, removed from Westminster Abbey, and hidden in some secret place in time of war.

Morgan at the Cash Box

◆ Indications are that the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., financial agents of the British Empire in 1914-1918, and responsible for getting the United States into that war, have their old job now for the British Commonwealth of Nations. The Morgan home in Scotland, Gannochy Lodge, has been turned into a hospital for the wounded.

Oddities in the Big City

◆ Some of the oddities in the big city, London, as late as the summer of 1939, were 36 cowsheds, 250 sheep, and 13 horse cabs. Also, there were in the limits of the big town 938 pigs, and 1,042 acres under crops, while 121 people earned a living from agriculture. In 1937 the police found 700 doors and windows insecurely fastened.



To Eugenio Pacelli, Pius XII

◆ Dear Gene: You did pretty well with that encyclical of yours, but you could not write that way for *Consolation*; they would not have it. You use too many words. Fifteen columns, 10,373 words. Why, man, you could have squeezed all you said down into two *Consolation* pages instead of the equivalent of twelve of them. However, for a starter it was pretty good; it is necessary to call your attention to about fifteen slips. Maybe the next one will be better. You know, everybody is fallible.

Fourth column: You say that when you think of the suffering that has just come on countless people you are tempted to lay down your pen. Why didn't you, Gene? Why didn't you? Most of it, so far, has come from those devoted sons of the Devil, Hitler, Mussolini and Franco. You know their "church". Yes indeed! You might better have kept your pen idle—at least until you excommunicated them.

In the same column you say that these dark times may cause some to do a whole lot of thinking about the things you folks have been teaching and to grasp their importance. You betcha! Franco's murder brigades and Hitler's storm troopers and Mussolini's bombers have taught them a lot more than you think. And they learned it outside of the newspapers and radio stations which you control, too.

In the same column, at the bottom, you mention that the denial of the fundamentals of morality had its origin in Europe. Maybe you mean that this business of judges' selling their decisions for cash had its origin there, but has now spread to the United States, where one dirty crook, Martin T. Manton, 'Papal Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory,' did it wholesale, retail and any old way, so long as he got the cash. Why didn't you mention him by name? He belongs to your "church".

In column five you say that somebody had a marvelous vision that God is the Father of all. You forget yourself. It is true that Jesus did say of the clergy, "Ye are of your father, the Devil," and it is also true that the apostle

Paul, whom you quote, referred to others as children of the Devil, "full of all subtilty and all mischief," and you can class yourself along in with these, but it was indiscreet of you to bring this matter to attention. You slipped badly on that one.

In column six you express your approval of the commandment that Christians should love one another. Then how do you account for the conduct of your followers in breaking phonographs and records, seizing books, shooting at people and having them thrown into jail and beaten merely because they are Christians and are obeying Christ's commands? You can have the evidence for the asking.

In the same column you speak about some church's maternity. Better be careful along about there, Gene, or some will think you are not acquainted with the true church of Christ, which the apostle says is a pure virgin, and they will think this motherly church you are talking about is "the mother of harlots", willing and anxious to make a deal with any renegade like Mussolini, Hitler, or even Stalin, for that matter, if she can see how she is going to get her desires gratified.

In the same column you say that wherever your church has gone you have taken up with all the heathen "usages" and "customs" and "sponsored" and "developed" them. You certainly have done that very thing, and made the child of the Devil tenfold more the child of hell than he was in the first place.

In the seventh column you say that your folks have raised mansions and temples to lofty and kindly heights, but you did not say how the poor people that paid for them had been browbeaten and bluffed and intimidated to build them. There are thousands of villages in every country under your care where the only decent buildings in town are the mansions and temples built for your money-mad priests to strut around in, and all the other buildings are mere hovels. Shame on you, Gene!

Bad Slip About the Soul

It seems too bad to have to reprove a brand-new pope about his first encyclical, but, Gene, you stuck your foot in it in bad shape in the eighth column when you said, "Of all that exists on the face of the earth, the soul alone has a deathless life." Maybe you never heard of the prophet Ezekiel's statement that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die"; and that when a man dies "his thoughts perish". You are all wet on the soul business.

But, now, in the next column you uttered a great truth when you said that the only way the nations can get along together is to tell the truth. Wonder if you realize that your place, Vatican City, has the well-established reputation among the press associations of being the biggest disseminator of falsehoods in Europe.

In the twelfth column you speak of how rapidly Catholic Action has advanced. Why, Gene, you have no idea. Take those riots in Clydebanks, Scotland, started by your priests, but carried on by the laity against those who dared to proclaim the truth about God's kingdom as contrasted with the devilish arrangements of the present and the immediate future. It would take columns to tell about all the deviltry they did. And in all of it your priests were the chief instigators and the biggest liars and persecutors of the righteous.

In the fourteenth column you say that you don't want anything to do with earthly governments but to "do" them "good". That is just it, Gene. That is just what you are after, "doing" them up brown. In the same connection, in the same column, you speak again of your motherly pride. Better let up on that, to keep the boys in the back seat from laughing.

In the same column you hope for a resurrection of the Polish government, reactionary though it was, and you talk about "the principles of justice and true peace", but you and your predecessor conspired for the destruction of the Spanish Republic. You were both devoid of the principles of justice, and the "peace" now is one of the most devilish arrangements ever forced on any people.

In the fifteenth column you made another un-Biblical slip when you spoke about the

'little children receiving holy communion'. They do nothing of the sort. You cannot find one word of it in the Bible. Indeed, and this will be news to you, you have never partaken of holy communion yourself. No man could do it and assume to stand in Christ's room and stead as His vicar in the earth. The very fact that you take such honors to yourself shows that you are entirely outside of God's arrangement and wholly inside of the Devil's arrangements. The kingdoms you would help, and that you do help, when you get the chance, are merely kingdoms of the Devil, which he offered to Jesus, but which Jesus refused and you have gladly accepted.

In conclusion, Gene, the papers say that for six days you listened to four sermons a

day from a Jesuit, immediately after writing your encyclical. Those twenty-four sermons ought to fill you as full of the spirit of the Devil as it is possible for a man to get; so maybe these instructions on writing encyclicals won't do you any good after all.

Prices Are

Too High

◆ At hand an offer of a record, part English and part Latin, made by Ambrose Ratti (Pope Pius XI), which, it is stated, can be bought for the small sum of 90c and sold for \$2. The statement is, "You'll find that a 3-minute demonstration closes the sale." Nix! The price is too high. Besides,

the pope's blessing isn't worth a red cent, let alone 90 or 200 cents. Take note that to get the 90c price on this ten-inch record (one-sided) one has to buy 1,000 of them, and the show is all over in three minutes, Latin and all. Comes now Walter T. Dolan, castigating the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society by quoting Kermit Kahn to the effect that "the group sells . . . records to its adherents at nice fees,



Gene's ghoulish wit

retailing at 70c." (Investigation reveals that these records are twelve-inch, two-sided.) Dolan asks, "Who has the 'racket'?" Wow! *Consolation* doesn't need to ask that question. *Consolation* knows, and so does every reader of *Consolation*, and a lot of other level-headed individuals besides—millions of them.

Why Catholics Become Communists

◆ An interesting fact, to offset the fantasies about "Communism" in the Protestant churches, is that we have more communicants of the Catholic church as members of the Communist Party than of any other denomination. While we make many sympathetic contacts among active Protestants, they seldom become Party members; but among Catholics, the speed with which a sympathetic contact develops into a loyal and active Party man is much greater, and the proportion much higher.

When I asked one of our Catholic Party members to explain the reasons for this to me, he replied that his religious education and discipline had contained a recognition of the reality of the material world, which he found largely lacking in Protestant churches, but which he found compatible with the Marxian dialectical materialism. He considers himself first of all a Catholic, but he is intellectually convinced that Communism is the inevitable next stage of society, and he believes that if he helps to bring it about he will thereby contribute most effectively to the continuity of his religion. He points out that his church, despite all difficulties, did learn to adapt itself to capitalism, despite its ties to the old feudal society, and he hopes it will, with less resistance, accept the new society of socialism. His views are at least interesting, and I pass them on to you for what they may be worth. This much I can testify toward their soundness, that in the trade union movement the Communists have found no more harmonious and effective coworkers than among those circles predominantly Catholic.

From such facts, you will understand why the Communist Party does not reply in kind to the furious diatribes directed against us by the reactionary clergy of the Catholic church, typified by Father Coughlin and the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran. They are not representative of the Catholic community, and as their links with foreign and native Fascism become clearer, they are doomed to repudiation by their own flocks. Meanwhile, there is a valuable by-product to their ravings; inas-

much as they are of such low intellectual caliber, most of their audience are left unsatisfied, but curious to really learn something about this much-talked-of Communism, with the result that the circulation of our literature among Catholics is increasing by leaps and bounds. A growing number of Catholic youth, who are sent to my meetings by Rev. Curran in order to scoff, remain, if not to pray, yet to enter into reasonable discussions from which they almost always emerge with thoughtful visage, minus the cocksure aggressive intolerance with which they were sent. —Earl Browder, in "Religion and Communism".

Thyssen Has Fled Germany



Fritz Thyssen, multimillionaire coal and steel king, whose deal with the Vatican put Hitler at the head of the German nation, became fearful for his life and fled Germany, leaving all behind to be confiscated. Serves him right.

Feting the "Crown of Thorns"

◆ If the crown of thorns being feted in France is really the crown of thorns which the religionists of His day implanted on the Savior's brow, one can only wonder why present-day religionists would fete it and idolize it when they must know the suffering it caused. It all helps to glorify the Devil, and to bring reproach upon the Redeemer and upon the Most High, and serves no other purpose.

Sees It Coming

◆ Seeing the time coming when the religious racket will be played out, Cardinal Innitzer ordered all priests and nuns to provide themselves with ordinary street clothing, and instructed that priests must not cut their hair after the fashion of their orders. It all points toward the fulfillment of Zechariah 13:4, which reads: "Neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive."

Seat Was Too Hard

◆ The London *Daily Telegraph* contains a touching passage about the pope. It speaks of him as "sitting on the elaborate golden throne, obviously distressed". It just isn't fair that anybody who "feels so deeply for the poor" should be given such a hard seat.

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Founded on Actual Court Records and You Can Be the Judge

By L. Allen Heaps

The Strange Case of THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
IN SIX EPISODES
No. 1

TIME, 10:57 P.M., ATLANTA, GA.
SCENE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MARCH 26TH, TO MARCH 28TH

"OVER THE LAND OF THE FREE... AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!"

"...TO PRESERVE THE HIGH IDEALS UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED AND UPON WHICH OUR CONSTITUTION RESTS... IT IS NECESSARY THAT PATRIOTISM AND... AMERICANISM BE CULTIVATED IN THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN! THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT—

"EVERY TEACHER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE SHALL TAKE A SWEAR OATH TO... DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE AND THE UNITED STATES! IT IS A PART OF THE DUTY OF EVERY PATRIOTIC CITIZEN TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY!

"EVERY STUDENT... MUST SALUTE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES!"

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"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE PASSED A DECISION THAT STUDENTS OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST SALUTE THE AMERICAN FLAG! A FEW DAYS LATER!

"HENRY, HENRY DUTTRA! COME HERE!"

LOOK! DID YOU SEE THAT?

LANTA JOURNAL
SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SALUTE THE FLAG
GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS DECIDED THAT THIS OATH MUST BE TAKEN

WHAT? CHA SAY TO THAT?

NOTHIN'! THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY, AIN'T IT?

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PATSY, 12 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF HENRY DUTTRA, THE CARPENTER... IS A STUDENT AT THE MAPLE STREET SCHOOL IN ATLANTA! IT IS RECESS TIME AND...

SHE'S A STINK-FISH!

SHAMEY! SHAMEY!

SHAME ON PATSY!

I DON'T CARE! I DON'T HAVE TO SALUTE ANY FLAG! NOW!!

YOU JUST WAIT AN' SEE WHAT TEACHER SAYS!

The Strange Case of THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
IN SIX EPISODES
No. 4

8:30... THE BELL... AND ANOTHER DAY HAS STARTED AT THE MAPLE STREET SCHOOL IN ATLANTA! MORNING EXERCISES HAVE BEGUN AND NOW—

1-2-3-4!
1-2-3-4!

ALL RIGHT, PATSY! SALUTE THE FLAG!

NO! I WON'T DO IT!

PATSY DUTTRA! GO TO THE OFFICE!!

The Strange Case of THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
IN SIX EPISODES
No. 5

PATSY DUTTRA REFUSED TO SALUTE THE AMERICAN FLAG DURING PATRIOTIC EXERCISES AT THE MAPLE STREET SCHOOL IN ATLANTA! SHE WAS SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE WHERE—

ANSWER ME, PATSY!

LISTEN, MY DEAR! DID SOMEONE TELL YOU NOT TO SALUTE THE FLAG? ANSWER ME! DON'T BE AFRAID!

Y-YES! MY-DADDY DID!

The Strange Case of THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
IN SIX EPISODES
No. 6

PATSY DUTTRA WAS SENT HOME FOR NOT SALUTING THE AMERICAN FLAG... AND THE NEXT DAY...

I AM VERY SORRY MR. DUTTRA! BUT IF YOU PERSIST IN REFUSING TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO SALUTE THE AMERICAN FLAG AT THE SCHOOL'S PATRIOTIC EXERCISES... WE... WE WILL...

ALL RIGHT! WHAT'LL YOU DO?

WE'LL EXPELL HER!

GO AHEAD! DO IT! AND PLEASE SEE WHAT I WILL DO!

PATSY WAS EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL AND HER FATHER BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST THE ATLANTA SCHOOL BOARD!

THIS COURT'S DECISION IS IN FAVOR OF—

YOU BE THE JUDGE!

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

HOW WOULD YOU DECIDE THIS CASE?

BE THE REAL DECISION SEE

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Nothing other than the words "vicious and un-American" adequately describes the effort of Bela Lanan, L. Allen Heaps, Robert Mathen, Carlisle Crutcher and whoever else is responsible for these shameless pictures. That they are not "funnies" in any sense of the word is immediately apparent. They do have an object, and that that object is to cause hatred and ill-treatment of those who for conscientious reasons refuse to do reverence to any flag or other symbol, is also perfectly plain. Note that both the father and the daughter are pictured here as defiant, obstinate and sullen. Notice the ories supposed to come from the lips of school children in evidence of their patriotism, as in Episode No. 3. Notice the expression given to the face of the father. (Episode 2, Part 4, and Episode 6, Part 1.) Note the tone.

Some of the leading American papers that have denounced the attempt to put the Americans' flag on a level with the German swastika and the Chinese hammer and sickle are the Birmingham AGE-HERALD, and NEWS; Tucson DAILY STAR; Heral News; Hollywood NEWS; San Diego UNION; San Francisco NEWS; Denver POST; Waterbury, REPUBLICAN; Washington STAR; Boise VALLEY NEWS; Chicago TRIBUNE; Chicago SVENSKA TRIB-UNE; MYSTER; Decatur HERALD; Evansville JOURNAL; Peru TRIB-UNE; Arlington ENTERPRISE; Okla. DAILY CAPITAL; Louisville TIMES; Shreveport JOURNAL; Baltimore EVENING SUN; Boston HERALD; POST, TRANSCRIPT and TRAVELER; BROOKLYN EXPRESS; Ann Arbor DAILY NEWS; Detroit TIMES; Fergus Falls DAILY JOURNAL; Glenwood HERALD; Minneapolis TRIBUNE; Wabash DAILY TRIB-UNE; St. Louis GLOBE-DEMOCRAT; STAR TIMES; Butte MONTANA STAND-ARD; Omaha WORLD-HERALD; Asbury Park EVENING PRESS and EVENING NEWS; Bayonne TIME S; Camden COURIER POST; Kearney LEADER and BERGEN LEADER; Trenton STATE GAZETTE; Auburn CITIZEN-ADVERTISER; Buffalo COURIER EXPRESS and EVENING NEWS; Glens Falls TIMES; THE NATION; New York DAILY NEWS, POST, SUN-DAY MIRROR, TIMES and HOLDS-TELEGRAM; Rochester DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE and TIMES UNION; Raleigh NEWS and OBSERVER; Bismarck TRIBUNE; Akron TIMES and BEACON JOURNAL; Bellaire DAILY LEADER; Cincinnati ENQUIRER, POST; Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, NEWS, PRESS, POST, COLUMBUS CITIZEN, OHIO STATE JOURNAL; Dayton NEWS; Massillon INDEPENDENT; Steubenville HERALD-STAR; Toledo BLADE; Yonkers town TELEGRAM; Portland OREGON JOURNAL, PRESS-HERALD; Easton HER-ALD; Kitchener LEADER-TIMES; Philadelphia EVENING-BULLETIN;

BELA LANAN—COURT REPORTER
Decision in the Strange Case of "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"
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—The "Defendants": This strange case was decided by the highest court in the State of Georgia, and the school authorities were upheld in their action of requiring children to salute the American flag. It seems that the bottom of the whole trouble centered around the fact that Henry Duttra, belonged to a religious sect known as "The Wah Witeones." They were strictly forbidden to worship any human idol, emblem or flag, but in any other respect, were loyal to America and its government. Of course, the school instructed the children to salute the flag, and the child endeavored to mind the parent.

All these papers agree that the proposed flag salutes are utterly meaningless and vicious and a denial of the very thing represented by the American flag.

Ceremonial patriotism is entirely futile.

Dumb Dogs That Cannot Bark

◆ The Scriptures say that the clergy are 'dumb dogs that cannot bark' (Isaiah 56:10); and a dog that cannot bark is not of much use. Still, there are a few things possible to it, and the story herewith, taken from the Victoria (B.C.) *Daily Times*, shows the possibilities:

VISITS ENGLAND TO SCATTER ASHES

LONDON—A Welsh woman has recently completed a 3,500-mile pilgrimage from Canada to Pembroke to scatter the ashes of her pet dog on the fields where it played as a puppy. She is Mrs. Roetoine, who left her native Pembroke village nine years ago for Canada, taking with her Phil, her sheep-dog. Settling at Esquimalt, on Vancouver island, she met and married F. Roetoine, a retired official of the Canadian Pacific Railway. First her husband died; then Phil died.

Mrs. Roetoine, accompanied by a priest, Father Leon, arrived in Wales carrying the remains of her dog in a silver urn. Near Narbeth she scattered the ashes while Father Leon sprinkled holy water.

A few hours later she took a train on the first stage of her journey home.

There Is No "Good Fascism"

◆ There is no "good Fascism", we warned the Jewish people, who at that time heard numerous wealthy Jews and reactionary Jewish publicists sing the praises of the "cultured" Mussolini, so unlike the crude Hitler. To our sorrow, our warnings have come true; every variety of Fascism is now seen to have anti-Semitism as a core, even when, as in Japan, there are no Jews. Fascism invents a "Jewish problem" in order to whip up race hatred and conceal its aims of conquest and loot from the masses of the people. World Jewry has an implacable enemy in Fascism. There can be no appeasement of the Fascist beast. Its very make-up demands victims, and especially Jewish victims. We can meet its arrogance and inhumanity only by fighting determinedly for our rights as human [creatures], and for democracy, which cannot exist alongside of Fascism.—Jewish People's Committee for United Action Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism.

Holding Her Own

◆ The Roman Catholic sect is holding its own in Germany. An illustration of the truth of this is the fact that whereas 9,024 withdrew from the church in 1937, among the menfolk, the number withdrawing dropped to only 5,754 in 1938.

Hitler a True Catholic

◆ In his persecution of the Jew, Hitler is merely following out his Catholic training. Pope Innocent III proclaimed that the Jews "must always be dispersed as wanderers upon the face of the earth"; that "they are to us as dangerous as the insect in the apple, as the serpent in the breast"; that "they have already begun to gnaw like the rat, and to stink like the serpent"; that they are "not permitted to have Christian servants in their homes, either as tutors for their children or for domestic service, or for any other reason whatsoever"; and that, in case of dispute about the payment of a loan, the testimony of Christians given verbally is to be accepted in lieu of the written testimony of the same persons, if that written testimony is in possession of the Jews.

Pope Pius V ordered the Jews to sell all their properties to Christians and to leave the States of the Church within three months. Any who disobeyed were to be despoiled of all their goods and to be subjected to perpetual servitude.

Pope Innocent IV ordered the burning of the Talmud and all other Jewish books.

Pope Gregory IX decreed that for all time Jews of both sexes should be distinguished from others by their mode of dress, and forbade them to discuss either their faith or rites with Christians.

Pope Eugenius IV decreed that for all time Jews might not eat or drink with Christians, or cohabit or bathe with them; they might not exercise public offices in the State, and could not be merchants, tax collectors, purchasing agents, computers, lawyers, obstetricians or render other services to Christians; Christians might not bequeath them anything; Jews might not testify against Christians; they must live in certain streets only.

Pope Paul IV ordered that Jews might work only as street-sweepers and rag-pickers.

The foregoing information, assembled by the former Catholic priest Leo H. Lehmann, was published in *The Social Frontier*, November, 1938.

Mussolini goes along with the "church", and apes Hitler in restrictions upon the Jews. All Jewish literature is forbidden; no book by a foreign Jew may be translated into Italian; no play by a foreign Jew may be produced; no Jew may broadcast over the radio; no Jew may teach in an Italian university; no Jew may hold an administrative post.

(To be continued)



"Healing of the Nations"

HEALTH of the people is of very great importance. If all the people could have health, that would be a great benefit to them. The present governments take some steps to safeguard the health of the public, but in so doing the people are exploited. Many who claim to serve the sick connive at making even the well sick that they may be able to reap pecuniary gain therefrom. Foods are adulterated to such an extent that much sickness results.

The very opposite of health and life is sickness and death. Sickness and death must be removed in order for health and life to be perpetually enjoyed by man. The first man on earth was the natural parent of all mankind. The only authentic, accurate and reliable Record of the case sets forth that this man did not exercise the God-given power to produce children until after he was under sentence outside of Eden for his rebellious disobedience against his Creator and Lawgiver and was undergoing the sentence of death. Consequently he could not produce perfect children, but all his children would inherit and did inherit his imperfections. Every man that is imperfect is a sinner in the sight of the Creator, the Perfect One, Jehovah God. Romans 5:12 states the divine rule in these words: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; . . . so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Jehovah God alone could make the necessary provision for obedient man to again have health and life, and this He has done through his Theocratic Government by Christ Jesus the King. To deceive the people the great adversary of the Theocracy, Satan, brings forth a false remedy. First, from Eden on (Genesis 3:4), Satan induces religionists to teach that there is no death. That was his first lie. (John 8:44) Then he gets up religious organizations and falsely attaches the name of Christ thereto in order to mislead the people by various systems of so-called "faith healing". One such organization teaches there is no death and that ill health or sickness is a mental conclusion

and that men and women can heal and give health to all who exercise faith in their science of healing. Each one of these announced remedies is in full contradiction of God's Word and His announced purpose through Christ.

It is true that Christ Jesus did some healing of the sick when He was on earth, but such was merely an example foreshadowing the great work that He would do in His kingdom. It also served to establish the faith of the meek ones in Him as the Messiah, the King of Jehovah's Theocratic Government. (Matthew 11:1-6) The gift of healing which was bestowed upon His apostles at Pentecost and by them transmitted to other faithful disciples was due to pass away, with the death of all such thus favored with the gift. (1 Corinthians 13:1, 2, 8) But now, so far as it is possible, Satan uses his power to cause some healing from sickness, his very object being to turn the people away from God and blind them to Jehovah's Theocratic Government. One thing all must admit: that no one who claims to have been healed by the so-called "faith healing" method ever stayed continually well, but in the course of time died, and even the faith-healers themselves grow sick and die in like manner. God's remedy to give life and health to obedient man through the Theocratic Government is complete.

That Theocratic Government is, at Revelation 22:1, 2, represented by the throne: "And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof [that is, of the Holy City or Theocratic organization]. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (*American Revised Version*) This water of life-giving truth is the very opposite of the flood that the adversary of the Theocratic Government, the great red dragon, has cast out of his mouth for gullible people to swallow. (Revelation 12:15, 16) The water of truth flowing from the Theocratic Throne is clear and bright, and those who love Jehovah God and his Theocracy drink freely thereof.

On either side of the river of life-giving water of truth is the tree of life. The Revelation picture, therefore, is of a river with trees on both sides. The "tree of life" is not one lone tree, but is a family or genus of trees: the "wood of life" (*Diaglott translation*). Those

who walk in the street or Broadway of the Holy City would walk along the banks of the river. The water of life is flowing only in the way of Jehovah's Theocratic Government for obedient mankind, and flows to the limits of the Holy City, and then on to the outside so that those not members of God's capital organization under Christ may also avail themselves of the opportunity of the blessings that come from Jehovah's great fountain of truth.

The tree or "wood of life" bears twelve manner of fruits (or twelve crops), and yields one fruit every month. This shows that the provision for life is never-failing and that there is always an abundant supply. The fruits are borne for the benefit of those who need sustenance. The fruit is that which Jehovah's servants bring forth to serve to others needing God's gracious provision, Kingdom fruits. The kingdom (membership therein) is given to those who bring forth the fruits thereof. (See Matthew 21:43.) They are the fruits that the Theocratic Kingdom supplies for those who need them. God has made provision for obedient mankind, and those who are prompted by love for God and His Theocracy and who obey Him delight to bring forth or carry to others God's provision for them. No one can be of the Kingdom who does not bring forth the fruits thereof by carrying God's provision to the meek of the earth with a joyful heart.

Christ Jesus is the great "tree of life" which Jehovah planted to supply life for obedient mankind. Jehovah has graciously planted others with Christ Jesus by calling them unto membership in the Theocratic Kingdom and giving them the great privilege of sharing the blessings of the Kingdom. These Jehovah designates as "trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah", and "that his name might be glorified". (Isaiah 61:3) It is His anointed witnesses who do His service faithfully that are these trees of righteousness planted by Him.—Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:7, 8.

The leaves of "the tree of life" were for the healing of the nations. Leaves afford shade and covering. (Genesis 3:7) They serve to purify the atmosphere by extracting the poisonous gases therefrom. They serve as medicinal remedies for the sick, and for the beauty of the landscape. Christ Jesus, the "Tree of Life", in all His beauty and glory, shall heal and bless the meek and faithful of mankind. Jehovah's remnant of anointed witnesses now on earth, as "trees of righteousness", have some work at the present time that is in a measure healing: "He [Jehovah] hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted." (Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1, 2)—Proverbs 15:4; Psalm 147:3.

After the battle of Armageddon, which is near, and under the Theocratic Government the surviving people will be taught what is proper to eat and how to eat it; they will be taught proper sanitary conditions, how to sleep and exercise, and no one will be permitted to deceive them. They will be told the truth; and knowing that they are receiving the truth, they will be encouraged and benefited and will progress rapidly. God will cure the sick that they may remain well. The people will learn what is the right thing to do; as it is written at Isaiah 26:9: "When thy [Jehovah's] judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." At the same time, so the Scriptures declare, the earth will yield her increase for man's good. As Eden, the only finished part of the earth then, produced perfect food, even so the Lord will make the earth to yield its increase and produce perfect food and will teach the people how to eat it. The obedient people thus learning of God's gracious provision for them through Christ Jesus the King, who shed His blood for such, and rendering themselves fully in obedience thereto, the result is certain to be to them health and life everlasting.

California

A Pathetic Protest

◆ A pathetic protest was that of 1,000 Chinese who picketed the docks at Long Beach, California, against the sending of vessels loaded with scrap iron, which scrap iron the Chinese knew would be used to murder their own brothers in the land of their birth.

Prayed for His Recovery

◆ Two gypsy women entered the cabin of a man ill near Marysville, California, and prayed for his recovery. Ever since then the sick man has been wanting somebody to pray that he would recover the \$25 which disappeared when the ladies left him.

The Lament Business



Consolation has overlooked the lament business; so this is to help correct the situation. My brother-in-law works for a funeral parlor and knows the care that is taken to give the living the idea that the dead are happy.

The embalmer disposes of goiters, and fat and protruding stomachs disappear. Fluids are injected for these purposes. It is of great importance to the embalmers to get the hair dressed so that the corpse looks as when alive and well. Lady patrons who have ceased to care what they look like cause more trouble to the morticians than they did when patronizing the beauty shops in premortuary days. It is necessary for a close friend of the deceased to be present and aid in this tribute to the beauty and physical appearance of the one who departed a week ago and is enjoying harp music and learning how to use wings (if the living relatives have paid over the necessary long green).

One lady whose husband had ceased to listen to her chin music, and was all dressed up in a Tuxedo for the first time since he wore rompers, and was sleeping off his troubles in his casket, would not rest, or let him rest, until she had the top of the casket removed and saw that her ex-hubby had his shoes and socks on and that even his garters were on right.

The near relative (widow, usually) feels called upon to wail loud and long, also to faint often, so that religious associates will feel that she is doing her part. Silent grief is the hardest for the embalmers to see. Overdoing the crying and wailing only causes them to become disgusted.

In Japan, if a person is unable to attend his brother's or wife's funeral, he may hire a professional cryer to take his place who can weep and howl in grand fashion for hours at a time. [This is done in Brooklyn, also.—Ed.] The professional mourner will, for a recompense, throw himself on the box containing the corpse and call the dead to speak to him. He will call him pet names, pull his own hair and drench the box with tears.

In America religious leaders refer their flocks to certain funeral parlors and then arrange a \$50 rake-off for sending the business in the right direction, to add to the fat they get for their hocus-pocus before the audience. —David J. Longfellow, California.

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An Indignant Protest

◆ I certainly agree with your correspondents who protested against the barbarous and inhuman idea of naming a jackass Adolf Hitler at the Auburn Gold Show. I say it is a disgrace for the people of Auburn to do this frightful thing. Have we no humane society to put a stop to this atrocity? Have we no laws against cruelty to animals?

What has this noble and dignified jackass done to deserve this unspeakable indignity, making him ridiculous and absurd before the eyes of the multitude?

I shall go before Governor Olson and personally appeal to him to put a stop to this cruelty to a respectable, upright and home-loving jackass. If this fails, I will go over his head to the president of the United States. I am sure he would not stand idly by and see this stately, majestic and honorable animal given such a ridiculous and preposterous name.

And, furthermore, I am sure this Auburn jackass could not even approach Adolf Hitler in a braying contest. I have heard Hitler over the radio, but for that matter I did not need any radio, all I had to do was to open my window.

I still claim there is only one jackass who can approach Hitler, and that, of course, is Chamberlain. He tried to save a nation with an umbrella. This kind of thing is not being done. He is now, as usual, scouring the world to get somebody else to do his fighting. Will he get us in and rob us again? It is quite possible. They say, "Once a sucker, always a sucker." In that case it seems to be that right here is a very good place for me to shut up about jackasses.—C. L., in the *Sacramento Bee*.

World's Fairs Attendances Down

◆ Neither the San Francisco nor the New York World's Fair was the success predicted. In midsummer the New York World's Fair had to dismiss something like a thousand employees. The Golden Gate Fair gave up the fight October 29 instead of keeping open until December 2 as anticipated, and reported that the attendance, instead of being 20,000,000 as predicted, had been only 8,580,747 up to October 4.

Best-read Are in Prison

◆ The best-read Americans are in prison. At Alcatraz, where the most hardened criminals are confined, the average prisoner reads 102 books a year.

Persons Who Smoke Cigarettes

◆ Persons who smoke cigarettes may be interested to know that they helped pay for a palace in Hawaii, where their nickels and dimes built for a millionairess a place a Roman emperor could ill afford. It has a disappearing plate glass wall twelve feet high, a private harbor, a hedge of orchids, a white marble wall with jade inlays, a swimming pool equipped with an elevator, a private theater, an oak floor brought piece by piece from a sixteenth-century French chateau, and art work that it would give one a headache to read about. The poor girls who swallowed the lies, that smoking cigarettes would give them "more pleasure", and would "satisfy", will never see the palace where Doris Duke and her husband may revel, if they wish, in the knowledge that not one woman who develops the accursed cigarette habit can ever be the mother of a perfect child.

Three of the Orange Dumps

◆ Three of the orange dumps, where perfect and beautiful oranges are thrown away by the millions, and from which it is illegal to take even one orange, are to be found in the following locations: (1) Drive out Foothill Boulevard to Irwindale Avenue in the neighborhood of Azusa; turn right on Irwindale, drive south almost one mile, then off the road across a pasture to the lip of an abandoned gravel pit, and there is your first California orange dump; (2) San Gabriel Valley, San Gabriel Wash, just past Monrovia; (3) two miles north of Upland. The dumps are all located in out-of-the-way places where they cannot be readily seen by automobilists. A reporter who visited these three dumps found rivulets of pure orange juice flowing from them.

Up-to-Date Green-eyed Monster

◆ This evening a patient who is a technical man for RCA in Hollywood called my attention to the fact that in television, a pale-green make-up will be a necessity on the faces of all persons used in the broadcast. This ought to make all the big networks happy, because they will be able to broadcast, as is, the mugs of all the 'intellectuals' who are doing so much to make the world safe for the Hierarchy. Just picture the pope, face green with envy, tapping a gold brick with a little hammer, being broadcast direct from Vatican City right into your very own room. I ask you, Now isn't that nice?—George Ehrmann, Ph.C., California.

To Prevent Destruction of Raisins

◆ To prevent Government destruction of raisins Fresno, California, growers will grind up their surplus raisins and mix them with the grain fed to their cattle. Not a half bad idea until the Government decides there are too many cows. However, when the cows are ground up that will make good fertilizer for the land, and the next year the farmers will be able to raise more raisins than ever. And that will mean more cows, and so on. Isn't civilization wonderful?

How About the Papas in Skirts?

◆ A man in San Diego wrote the city council recently asking them to pass a law prohibiting women from wearing pants in public, but for some reason he forgot to say anything about the papas in skirts, on the other side of the question. The Scripture cited is the following:

A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.—Deuteronomy 22:5, A.R.V.

Insects Fall for the Light-blue

◆ After experimentation in the vineyards of California it was discovered that the grape leaf hopper is partial to pale-blue light, and that this is especially true of the females. Accordingly some vineyardists fitted their yards with the pale-blue lights and high-tension wires. The hoppers drove up to see what it was all about, landed on the high-tension wires, and passed out instantaneously.

Needed Help to Get Arrested

◆ In Los Angeles a young man telephoned to the police to come and arrest him. He crawled through a small hole into a grocery, where he ate his fill of crackers, milk, cheese and prunes. When he tried to get out he could not squeeze through the hole by which he had entered, he had no keys, and there was no other way out than to have the cops come and pry him loose.

A Hot September Day

◆ In 1939 Los Angeles boasted of a September day so hot that it slew 21 people, and while the weather bureau on top of an eleven-story building could honestly report only 107.2 degrees, reliable thermometers at the street level declared that the Angelenos sweltered at 122 degrees. And that is hot for September, or for any other month, anywhere.

CONSOLATION



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Neutrality of Jehovah's witnesses

● The bishop of Birmingham has the courage of his convictions: he does not shrink from expressing them though his fellow bishops are vexed and somewhat disturbed by what he says. Quite recently he disturbed the ease of the bishops and archbishops when in Convocation he openly expressed his dissent from the archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury wanted to send a message from the assembly to the pope, and in it the pope was spoken of as "his holiness". Birmingham objected to the term, declaring that the pope encouraged Franco in the desolation of Spain, and Mussolini in the rape of Abyssinia, and in his outrage on Albania; such actions, he said, ought to prevent such an assembly as that then presided over by the archbishop from using the term "his holiness", and bishops of the Church of England from condoning the pope's actions. The bishop dampened the ardor of the meeting, but it followed the lead of the archbishop, for the favor of the Vatican was sought—in the interests of the peace of the world and the welfare of religion. Bishop Barnes has been mentioned in *Consolation* as an outspoken Modernist in theology, and some of his words have been published in the books which Jehovah's witnesses carry, where his very definite opposition to the inspiration of the Scriptures is pointed out and condemned. Dr. Barnes is a "pacifist", and does not hesitate to say so. In the matter of war he believes the church has got away from the teachings of Jesus. His nonacceptance of the Scriptures as the Word of God will prevent him from seeing that in all vital things religion has gone astray or contrary to the teachings of Jesus, or there might be some hope that his clear sight of one error might lead him to see the many other false positions religion has taken. The bishop knows about Jehovah's witnesses, of their belief in the Scriptures, and their fidelity thereto; of their conviction that they are obeying the command of the Lord Jesus in proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and now the fact of its establishment, God's time having come,

and in this are also the witnesses to the honor of Jehovah's name, according to His word by the prophet Isaiah. (See Isaiah 43:10.) Naturally the bishop does not agree to all this; but he is ready to bear some testimony to their fidelity to Christ and their right understanding of His words to His disciples in the matter of war. Jehovah's witnesses can take no part in the wars of the nations, being separated to God and Christ by reason of their consecration to God and His acceptance according to His Word. Jesus said of such, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world"; and in this He did not mean merely that His disciples would keep themselves from the pleasures and indulgences of a corrupt human nature. In common with other young men some of Jehovah's witnesses have appeared before the tribunals set up by the Government to determine whether or not declared conscientious objections to war were genuinely held. Some of the chiefs of the tribunals have taken too much on themselves, and one in particular, Judge Richardson, of Newcastle, has allowed himself an outburst of expression on more than one occasion. Dr. Barnes wrote a letter to the Manchester *Guardian* in vindication of the position taken by these "witnesses", and showed they gave an example which those who professed the faith of Jesus Christ might well follow. The letter seems worth while repeating here.

THE NEWCASTLE C.O. TRIBUNAL

"JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES"

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian

Sir,—I would comment on an incident reported in your columns yesterday. It would appear that on Wednesday a man applied to the Newcastle tribunal that he might be registered as a conscientious objector. He was supported by a friend who said that it was not Christian to take up arms. "How dare you presume that?" said Judge Richardson. "There are plenty of good Christians helping to remedy the evil of aggression." Finally the judge expressed his opinion of the two men, who described themselves as "Jehovah's witnesses", by saying, "You are a lot of cranks."

Does the judge know that for the first two and a half centuries of its history the Christian church was predominantly pacifist? A careful examination of this question by a first-rate scholar is to be found in the book *The Early Christian Attitude to War*, published by Professor C. J. Cadoux in 1919. If it be thought that Professor Cadoux uses the evidence mistakenly I would refer to the *Cambridge Ancient History*, vol. xii, 1939, page 659, where, at any rate as regards the leaders of the

church, his conclusions are accepted. Take a concrete instance. Does anyone think that Marcus Aurelius, "the saint of paganism," persecuted the Christians merely because they did not worship Jupiter, Mars, Venus, and the rest of the traditional gods? The offense of the Christians was a refusal to offer incense to the genius of the emperor or to the genius of Rome, a refusal to serve in the armies of the State even against what at the time was literally "the menace of German barbarism".

Judge Richardson's words were addressed to men known as "Jehovah's witnesses." Such are members of an organization called the International Bible Students Association. Their approach to the New Testament differs widely from my own. They regard it as verbally inspired; my own attitude is that adopted by modern critical scholars. But we agree in our conviction that Christ forbade His followers to do wrong that good might come. We agree, therefore, that Christians ought not to serve in the Army. We agree that even to join the R.A.M.C. is to belong to an organization forbidden to Christians. We must serve the State by our prayers and give such *civilian* help as the Christian conscience will allow. Such was the early Christian attitude, as the perusal of a famous passage in Origen's *Contra Celsum* (ca. A.D. 240) will demonstrate; such is the attitude of present-day Christian pacifists.

When Judge Richardson applies the term "cranks" to "Jehovah's witnesses", does he know what is happening in Germany? There are in the Nazi concentration camps no Barthians, Catholics, Calvinists, or Lutherans as such; but interned with Jews, criminals, and the depraved there are, according to the Berne office of the International Bible Students Association, more than 6,000 of its members. The recent British White Paper on the "Treatment of German Nationals in Germany, 1938-1939" (Cmd. 6120) repeatedly mentions these men and always with respect. The "Bible bugs", as they are nicknamed, wear a lilac or violet badge. They are "proscribed by the Gestapo since they refuse military service". "They are allowed no communication with the outside world." "Their courage and religious faith were remarkable, and they professed themselves ready to suffer to the uttermost what they felt God had ordained for them."

Cranks? I suggest that such pacifists are rather enduring and praying for the Europe that is to be, a group of nations forswearing war and living in unity and peace.—Yours, &c., E. W. BIRMINGHAM. Bishop's Croft, Harborne, Birmingham 17, Dec. 8.

The British Government's White Paper which exposed the brutality of the Nazi government to some of its nationals, while relating about the terrible sufferings of the Jews and others, also told of the sufferings inflicted on Jehovah's witnesses for their refusal to give to Hitler the allegiance they knew should be

given only to God and Christ. By means of this publication the fact of their witness in Germany and their readiness to suffer for His sake, even unto death (and which some have suffered), has already been a witness to many in Britain of the fact that God has a people here, and scattered through the earth, who are telling of the establishment of His kingdom, and showing the way of escape from the destruction of Armageddon, now hastening on. The letter of Dr. Barnes published by the Manchester *Guardian* has continued this witness: now many persons in circles of life who might not ordinarily get an opportunity of hearing a witness as the message is carried from house to house are made aware of the fact, and have the opportunity of profiting thereby.

Notes

● The black-out death toll on the roads is exceedingly heavy. During November 926 persons were killed on British roads. The numbers increase and a serious problem is presented: more people are being killed on this part of the home-front than in the war.

The Government's urge for plowing grass and uncultivated lands has already had considerable success. A subsidy of £2 an acre for all such plowing is paid, and it is expected that within a year there will be an increase of 1,350,000 acres producing food for man and beast.

Food rationing, already in partial operation, began definitely on December 25. Each person may have four ounces of ham or bacon per week, and the same weight of butter; as yet one pound of sugar per week is to be allowed. There is more railway travel facility, and the coaches are being provided with sufficient light for reading during the darkness; but the fast trains are missing, and what trains there are on the main lines are very crowded. Any pleasure in travel has gone; but still one can get somewhere with perseverance and patience.

Letter

● The Editor,
The English Churchman,
23 Bedford St.,
W.C.2.
Sir,

In your issue of the 14th December you publish a letter under the heading "Jehovah's Witnesses" and over the name H. James. The letter is on the usual level of letters published in religious news-

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papers when the literature of the International Bible Students Association and the work of Jehovah's witnesses are the subject; that is, they do not rise above misrepresentation, and often contain specific untruths.

The letters no doubt usually find their own level and may be left there; but sometimes it becomes necessary to mark and pin the lies, and to remind editors of religious journals that they lend themselves to this mean business.

Mr. H. James and *The English Churchman* are concerned lest some of the adherents and supporters of their pattern of orthodoxy should be shaken in their trust in it and in their leaders, and to safeguard the interests of their church, and the innocent and ignorant of their flock by keeping them in ignorance, they warn them of the "danger" of reading the literature carried by Jehovah's witnesses, and do not hesitate to lie in their efforts. The letter says, "Jehovah's witnesses are busily engaged in spreading anti-Christian doctrines, as well as attempting to undermine the authority of the State."

No notice would have been taken of H. James' letter if he had contented himself with saying the message carried by Jehovah's witnesses is anti-Christian, for "orthodoxy" always cries out that word when its false claims are challenged and exposed. The other statement, that attempt is made to undermine the authority of the state, is gratuitous wickedness, for neither Mr. James nor anyone else can find a word in support of that assertion—and well on to 400,000,000 copies of books and pamphlets published by the WATCHTOWER Society are in circulation throughout the earth. Jehovah's witnesses are a law-abiding people, conforming to the laws of whatever land they are in, excepting only when a country or state should enforce a law which is contrary to the teaching of Christ, to whom they would be faithful at any cost. Their position in the present war trouble, whether in Britain or elsewhere, is one of neutrality, and not one of them would do other than carry the message of the present establishment of the Kingdom of Christ, according to their privilege and responsibility. They seek no converts, nor adherents, but are simply messengers of the gospel of the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus said that in the last days "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness"; and a people, freed from the darkness and bondage of orthodoxy, are carrying out His word. In doing this, they become the objectives of misrepresentation and lies, even as Jesus himself said.

H. James mentions the main dogmas of orthodoxy—"The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His physical resurrection; the Holy Trinity, and the immortality of the soul," and says: "Rutherford denies them." Well, so do the Scriptures. These doctrines are church-made and are contrary to the Scriptures. Further, H. James says "they (Jehovah's witnesses) preach the old heresy that all

earthly governments are Satanic". Did not Jesus himself say of Satan, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me"? It was the Devil who offered the lordship of all the kingdoms of the earth as a temptation to Jesus when he tried to divert Him from His Father's purpose in Him. Also Paul spoke of Satan as "the god of this world", and said he blinded the eyes of them that believed not. But it does not suit orthodoxy to have the Devil considered in this connection.

Yours truly,

J. HEMERY.

London a Century Ago

♦ The London *Daily Herald* states that in the London of a century ago the beds for the homeless were merely rough boards and straw, while today the London County Council stands for humanity and humane treatment. A century ago unwashed midwives frequently went direct from laying out a corpse to deliver a child, while today modern hospital service with complete night and day ambulance midwifery service is available to the poorest. A half million people have been moved from slums and bug-infested cellars to airy apartments on beautiful tree-lined streets. And the dirty, dark, vermin-infested schoolrooms, in which a half-trained, harassed and ill-paid woman wrestled with a class of 100 or more children, have given way to schools that would be a credit anywhere.

120,955 Cases of Cruelty

♦ In the year 1937 there were 120,955 cases of cruelty to children reported to the British authorities. Moreover, on a certain week there were two broadcasts appealing for aid for animals and children. The broadcast on behalf of the animals brought in £18,000; and that on behalf of the children, £183.

Dog Shoots His Master

♦ At Maidstone, England, a dog was so excited when his master fired at a rabbit from his automobile that he jumped against another gun, discharging its bullet into his master and killing him. Big price to pay for killing an inoffensive rabbit.

Fox Went Down the Chimney

♦ At a fox hunt in Winslow, England, the fox ran up the roof of a house and then down the fireplace chimney, cleaning the chimney with great success. For his act of usefulness his life was spared, but it was a sooty fox that was let go.



Pioneers in Colombia



Thought perhaps something I have written herewith might interest you, because, of all countries in South America for Catholic fanatics, I believe Colombia has them beat. How is this for a starter?—

On the second day of a trip I was making overland from Cucuta to Bogota, I was rather startled one afternoon, while gazing out of the bus window, to see what I thought to be a big doll tied to the top of a long pole, but in reality a little dead girl about two and one-half years of age, dressed in a faded red percale, with arms and legs dangling, carried, held high above his head, by a man walking down the highway toward a small village.

Of course, I asked my bus-seat companion what the idea was; and was told that the "chinita" (child) was carried in that fashion to show the people that she had gone to "heaven". "But," I replied, "how do you get that?" "Why," he answered, "the fathers, God's representatives, say so." Now, this was just a little too heavy for me to sit quiet on, and, above all, as there was a slick, fat, pompous priest sitting right in front of me, who, no doubt, was listening in. So I just had to tell him the Bible truth on the matter, and then recommended his reading God's Word in order to know the truth, as it was a terrible thing to expose the dead in that gruesome manner.

There are some fifty-odd churches (Catholic) in Bogota, to a population of 300,000. One thing I well remember while there was a church which covered almost a block; on a side door they had a shelf built, about two feet long, with large bunches of flowers, with a good-sized picture of a woman, well crowned and with the customary babe, known as "nuestra senora de perpetuo socorro" (our lady of perpetual help); but the most interesting point of it was that right under the 'saintly lady' was a slot big enough to pass a peso bill or a fifty-cent piece, with these words, "Una limosna" (A donation), with a big electric light for gathering in the coin

from the simple by night as well as by day.

We passed this "Easter" in Medellin. While they had the customary procession of the "virgin", nevertheless a few business houses remained open a few days during the week; but in Bogota, last year, there was a complete shutdown. The fanatics had a large procession of the "holy sepulcher", as they call it there. Practically all the city turned out to honor the Devil. The government did not interfere with them in the least; in fact, it loaned them the military band and several groups of soldiers in their gala uniforms, with police well armed stationed at the church entrance. As well as I remember, none of the higher officials, except the court judges, assisted.

Catholic Action is working overtime in Medellin; it's soon to have a new \$60,000 (-peso) home, with commodious quarters for all branches of its organization; they have notified their flock by their daily paper, over the radio at the daily evening rosary-chant, and at mass, to be on the lookout for us and to give us and our literature the cold shoulder, naming us the usual "Protestant, Communist, Rosierucian, Lutheran, or enemy of Christ, His Church and the state"—their usual tactics; and now the priests have stepped so low as to call on the small girl and boy schools, notifying them of our "bad" literature, etc., the result being that we hardly pass a day that we are not besieged by a mob of girls or boys.

While testifying among business houses, if we see a priest therein, we pass by and return later; so, a few days ago, I started to enter a tailor shop, and spied what I took to be a black-robed priest, standing on one side of the room, but, on second look, saw it was only a "decoy", a full-size statue of a black-robed and hatted priest, this being the tailor's way of advertising his ability to make maternity gowns for the buck ladies. During "Easter" week full-size priests' gowns in red, purple and black, with the usual lace petticoats, were hanging in the barbershop windows. So, you see, the men folks in this country not only have priests hover over them like buzzards in everything they do, but when they go to take a peaceful shave, why, there's the robe minus the carcass before them. But, as the prophet Jeremiah says, "my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

It's sickening to see so much idolatry among the people. There is hardly a home, poor or rich, here in Medellin that does not have some kind of picture of some "saint" over the door

CONSOLATION



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers at Marlin, Saskatchewan, in midwinter

—even in the government offices and business houses they have at the door of entrance large and small statues or pictures of what is supposed to be our Lord or His mother with a little alcohol lamp burning and vases of flowers. The Hierarchy must have gotten a pretty good rake-off in the sale of this kind of trash. Medellin and Manizales are lousy with priests and nuns; hospitals and colleges are under them; at many of the better-class homes our visits at the doors are answered by priests and they quickly snap their fingers at us and angrily yell, "Get out and away from here." Medellin is the only city I have seen so far in the republic of Colombia that employs women street-cleaners.

Witness Rosas and I had a clash with a Catholic fanatic a few days ago. Witness Rosas entered a cabinetmaker's shop to show her literature; the manager took six booklets out of her hand as if he were interested, walked right over to a hot fire he had, threw them in, grabbed a stick of wood and threatened to hurt her with it, ordering her at the same time to get out, calling her all kinds of bad names; the sister ran over though and grabbed the booklets out of the fire, two being badly burnt. She then walked out of the shop and called me just as I was passing the door. We always work side by side in order to assist each other. So I rushed for a policeman while she mounted guard in front of the door. I soon returned and between us three we soon had him before the police court, where witness Rosas made a complaint against him. He was

held under a 100-peso bond. We felt he should learn a lesson; and I think he did before the newspapers, radio and court reporters got through with him. A radio reporter was present and heard it all; so, at 12:30, it was broadcast far and near about the terrible thing the cabinetmaker had done to two foreign Protestant missionaries; the newspapers carried front-page headlines, lamenting the occurrence, and, as usual, exaggerating the affair; also greatly exaggerated a clash we had suffered a few days before at a small town near by called Envigado, where we were actually yelled at and stoned by a mob of small Catholic schoolboys; though, of course, the newspapers did not state who "incited" the mob—who was none other than the parish priest. We tried our best, though, to present the message to the entire town, and the men in many instances took something above all the yells of the mob, but the women refused; anyway, we got in a pretty good witness before the enemy sicked the mob on us.

The devilish, mean priests, in order to make an unusual hit with the people, especially when the downtown streets are crowded with women, can be seen to put their "lily"-white hands under their long cape and pull it over their nose, as if we were a stench in their nostrils (and so we are), at the same time laughing and making fun of us as we pass by; and, believe me, by the Lord's grace, the truth is making them stir as never before in this city. A few days ago we were witnessing in the fashionable district, and after having been



Practical, successful equipment of Jehovah's Kingdom publishers in northern Alberta. Pony cost \$15; toboggan, \$5. Thousands of homes reached this way.

followed by a young girl and a servant maid, yelling at me for several blocks, the girl picked up a stone and hit me on the arm. I kept on testifying, no doubt to her disgust; for, on arriving at quite a nice home with long stained-glass doors, I proceeded to knock, when the girl from the street threw another stone at me but, fortunately for me, it hit the glass door, making a large hole, shattering the glass all around. The girl then started to run, not counting on the owner of the home seeing her. But, fortunately, he came in his car at that very instant, and with the help of a policeman they almost dragged her to the police station. I was glad she was brought to justice, and I peacefully finished the street. At times we are forced to order the police to disperse mobs in order that we may finish the streets,

Colombia has two political parties—the Liberal and Conservative (priests') parties. For the last few years, the Liberals seem to be gaining some power all over the country and they have been trying to limit the power of the Hierarchy over the people and their political affairs, and one can see that the men, especially the middle class, are awakening to the political activity of Catholic Action; but it looks as if the women were hopeless—they are completely dominated by the priests. The society people are mostly fanatical and rather haughty, but we do find some few among them who speak kindly to us, even though they do not take our literature. Among the shoemakers, carpenters, mechanics and small-store men we place most of our literature and very few are in favor of the priests. Up to the present time we have found only a few Colombians who profess to be Christian, but none who have openly taken their stand on the Lord's side and are engaged daily in the battle.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers brushing away obstacles from the trail to Fort Vermilion, northern Alberta

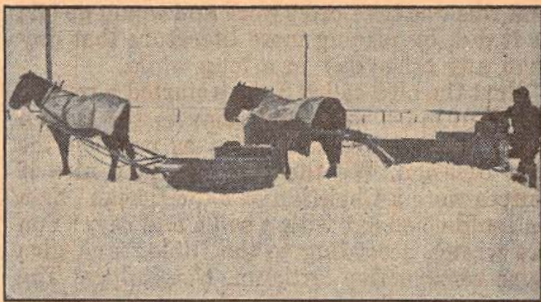
It is quite true that the economic situation in this country is acute. It reminds me of the situation we found in Chile. The main dish of the country is a ground corn vegetable and meat soup. The people in Medellin are, as a general rule, an overbearing mixture of Spanish Basque and Indian-Negro mixture, and make no pretense of love for the foreigner. We found more Fascist sympathizers there than anywhere else in the republic.

About the first trial one has on entering this country is the flea plague. He is in the plains, the hills—makes no difference how high up you go or how cold, there is that inseparable flea; his greatest game is to hit you when you've worked hard all day, by crawling on you from side to side the whole night through. We invested in Flit and everything else, but we are still scratching the flea. One would think the government would take a hand in cleaning out this pest.

We have been for the last few months in Barranquilla. It's a very warm place; and there is quite a lot of sickness at this time, due, no doubt, to the lack of sufficient rainfall, as we are supposed to be in the rainy season. Crops will be a failure in this department. But when it does rain the streets look like rivers and the water runs so deep it would be impossible to cross from one street to another were it not for roughly constructed wooden foot bridges brought to the rescue by some poor people who charge a toll of one to two cents per person for passage from street to street. Barranquilla needs a good drainage system; only the main city streets are paved and drained. Deep ditches and washouts are over all the city streets. The sanitary conditions are bad; a one-mule two-wheel cart is supposed to carry the garbage; but dead hens



Winter witnessing in Saskatchewan



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers' outfit in the Peace river district, northern Alberta. Leaving Notikewin for Fort Vermilion

(sometimes partly covered over with paper bags, with their legs sticking out), cats, and quite frequently dogs, are thrown right out into the streets; waste paper and other backyard trash also. The city has toilet sewerage, but wash water from kitchen, etc.,—out to the street it goes, right across the sidewalk. You've got to keep your eyes open; otherwise you get your shoes messed up. In Barranquilla, I want to add, there are no fleas; but the mosquito and the sugar ant take its place—it's hard to tell which is the greater pest.

Today, July 20, 1939, is supposed to be a state holiday. Since early this morning groups of schoolboys, young men athletes, boy scouts, soldiers, and navy and marine cadets were seen marching to Bolivar square, where the Catholic church had erected a hasty get-together platform, with a terribly belaced, petticoated priest, and altar boys to match, saying the mass. I happened along on the sidewalk just as the 'sound of the sackbut, psalter, dulcimer', etc., was going on for the people to kneel—and did they drop down on all sides while Satan's representative swallowed his wine and munched his wafer! Priests were scattered kneeling throughout the crowd; some women were there, but the meeting was made up mostly of men and boys. I noticed a good many men ahead of me who kept right on walking, which goes to show there are some in this city who are wise to the "old lady's" racket. There are many kind, well-meaning people in Barranquilla, and I believe a real good class of Jonadabs could be gathered together for studies were there some publisher here who could devote his entire time to this work. We have been greatly blessed by Jehovah in placements of literature—lots of people have never before heard of our work and many have told us they have enjoyed the booklets. This country could take care of several pio-

neers; and, while Spanish is a great help, a card is quite sufficient. Barranquilla has a population of about 150,000, and no street-cars; plenty of automobiles and all kinds of buses; also one- and two-horse buggies.

We expect to remain a few more weeks in Barranquilla and the adjoining towns before going to Santa Marta and Cartagena. Then we hope to return to Bucaramanga and Cucuta to witness there and the near-by towns. All said, we shall have about three to six months more before we shall have covered the territory we have in mind. Therefore it will be impossible at this time to give you the exact number of books and booklets placed in this country during these two years' work by witness Rosas and myself, but I will send same in to your office with our final assignment report. —Kate Goas, Pioneer.

Too Good to Keep

◆ While six pioneers of southern Georgia were scouting for a place to pitch camp they came to a place called Snipesville. A clergyman named Snipes came out and asked what we were doing. We thought of 1 Thessalonians 4: 11, which says, "Study to be quiet, and to do your own business," and said only, "In a Bible work." Another question came. Do you put out other books besides the Bible? Answer, "Yes." Then we drove away and left him to ask his next to the wind.

We did not park in Snipesville. Bowen party went to the west in the county, and Cochran party to the east.

Soon clergyman Snipes contacted the Cochran party while they were witnessing and said that this literature could not be put out, and warned the people. Like all his class, he used threats and false accusations and tried to stir up others to violence. However, he was told

that this was the Lord's work and would go on ; as it did, by placing more literature that day than any other day in a long while.

Next the bird called Snipes started a revival fourteen miles west, and came to the Bowen party with the same method as used on the first occasion. We thought, Oh, how nice if Snipes were a Christian or a gentleman! then he could come out with a smile and say, "You are wrong, according to the Bible," and give some constructive criticism. Not Snipes! The more he talked, the madder he got. Sometimes he'd follow us, and sometimes run ahead. Result: we put out more books.

About the fourth attempt to scare the people away from the Kingdom message he got to the house before we did. So we drove up behind the radio-evangelist Snipes' car. I saw a 1938 tag on the rear of his car. It looked as though it had been oiled to hold the dust. It being October 1939, a 1938 tag didn't look so good. I called to the others in the car and said, "That thing has a 1938 tag." The wonderful radio-evangelist never tried to engage in any more conversation. How little did we think mentioning an old tag nine months delinquent would scare the bluffer bird away! and off the battlefield! How little it takes to make them run!

In our next move we came together at Hazlehurst, to finish Jeff Davis county. In about three days after our move we saw bluffer Snipes on the sidewalk, and his face turned as red as a turkey gobbler, but not a word to say.

He may think that to fight God's truth in the open he may have to spend \$3.00 for a tag now. The way of the transgressor is hard.—The Bowen and Cochran party, Pioneers.

Amos Weber's Last Will

(Read at his funeral)

◆ To my friends who survive me I wish to say: For many years I have had great joy in the good tidings of Jehovah's kingdom as contained in the sacred Scriptures, and for which Jesus taught His followers to pray, "Thy kingdom come." In addition, Jesus foretold that Christians would know that the Kingdom was here, even at the door, when the things we now see in the world are taking place.

To see this gives me additional joy for which I praise the great Jehovah and Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, that we might have life by a resurrection from the dead. Also a change to those who are of the body of Christ from human nature to divine [life], and to sit with

Him in His throne for the vindication of Jehovah's name and the blessing of all people of good will.

I also rejoice in the truth that this earth under the righteous Kingdom will be made glorious, yielding in abundance for all lovers of righteousness who shall enjoy everlasting life, with every righteous desire satisfied. In addition, I understand the Scriptures to teach that all evildoers who will not come in line with that righteous Kingdom shall be cut off from life and that it is our privilege to bring ourselves in line with the Kingdom and its righteous principles *now* to the extent we are able and cultivate a heart condition such as expressed in the words of Jesus in His Model Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us."

This has been my honest endeavor since I became acquainted with the precious truth of God's Word.

In this I have great pleasure and can depart this life with naught but good will to all for whom Christ died, and with a glorious hope of the future.

I further wish to state that a clear view of God's kingdom and its blessings have come to me through the faithful servants of Christ known as Jehovah's witnesses and the wonderful helps to Bible study as published by the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY. I also desire that at my burial some of these Bible helps be offered to you, my friends, who show your respect by attending the service which is to be conducted so far as reasonably possible in harmony with the general practice of Jehovah's witnesses, who are now putting forth great effort to enlighten all people of good will.

Further, I feel sure you, my friends, will give respectful attention to two short recorded lectures entitled "Where Are the Dead?" and "Resurrection", delivered by the president of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, and author of many Bible helps, who, I am convinced by experience, has been used by our King, Christ Jesus, in the proclamation of the glorious Kingdom now being established.

In conclusion, my wish for you, my friends, is that you will acquaint yourselves with the things I have here brought to your attention and receive the approval and blessing of the righteous Judge, and that it may be our portion to enjoy life everlasting purchased for us by our glorious Redeemer and now our King.

(To be continued)

A Little Bit About Plant Life



The world's sweetest plant, the kahehe, of Paraguay, is, oddly enough, not a variety of sugar cane, but is on its own.

The mistletoe, it was once believed in Scandinavia, if hung above the entrance to a home, would keep out evil spirits.

One of the most beautiful of all flowers is that which grows on ancient cheese and antique bread. Look at it through a magnifying glass and see.

The bamboo may grow as much as sixteen inches a day. Some varieties bloom once in forty years.

Collards, once considered pestiferous weeds, were brought to the attention of mankind by Negroes as being a desirable food.

Rhubarb may be grown in the cellar all winter, if instructions issued by the New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., are followed.

Rice grass, first observed in Britain sixty years ago, is now of great value. Planted in the mud it attracts more mud and builds up a sinking coast.

Teasels, used for raising naps on the best cloths, are grown in Somerset and Gloucestershire, England, and at Skaneateles, N. Y., and rarely elsewhere.

Offshoots of the great food plant, cabbage, are cauliflower, broccoli, kale and Brussels sprouts, and all good to the taste and good for the taster.

Products from the stems of many plants are most valuable: sugar from maple stems, molasses from cane stems, syrup from cornstalks. The stems of celery and rhubarb are of great value as foods; and onions may be looked upon as underground stems.

America has added great riches to human foods: corn, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins and squash. It has received great food riches from other lands, including luscious Japanese persimmons, Chinese jujubes, dasheens, chayotes, hundreds of strains of alfalfas, and the Chinese elm, one of the best of shade trees.

Boosters of Plant Life

Gardeners in Iceland are making good use of their hot springs to stimulate plant life, and are claiming Iceland can now grow all her own foods. Peasants near Naples have made good

use of volcanic steam vents for many years.

Electricity helps to mature plants. Terminals buried in the ground carry the current through the soil, warm it and increase crops by fifty percent. The electricity gives off no fumes. Lettuce breaks ground in three days. Cabbage is ready for transplanting in twenty-one days. As the sun provides natural warmth a thermostat cuts off the electric current. The cost is less than for natural manure. Stronger roots are produced than with natural fertilizer, and there is an almost complete prevention of fungus diseases.

An inexpensive sunshine-measuring device makes possible the scientific feeding of sunshine to plants at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, Mo.

The interferometer enables the growth of plants to be actually seen. An arrangement of mirrors makes it possible to measure growth to the millionth of an inch.

Bell-shaped glass covers are used with success in some vegetable gardens in England. They are easily carried about and lifted off, and are preferred by some to hotbeds.

Seeds grow better under greenish-yellow glass than under plain panes, and the plants stay green longer. Greenest plants grow the best. Chlorophyll does it.

A moderate sip of beer makes a plant excitedly cheerful; heavy drinks cause serious depression. Plants are affected by narcotics, also.

Fertilizers still have use. Gardens near the Dead sea have beans with pods two feet long; there are radishes eighteen inches long; oranges may weigh two pounds. They have been fed on potash and other minerals from the Dead sea.

Plants Have Their Sorrows

Soot from soft coal discourages a plant.

Depending on how it feels, an English rose changes from pale yellow to yellow deeply splashed with red.

Phosphorus has been injected into plants, making them luminous at night. Somehow it seems like an imposition.

Old-fashioned Italian gardens featured, not flowers, but the greenery. They believed their statuary more beautiful and impressive when in vine-covered setting.

Don't hurt the feelings of respectable plants

and their finicky friends by planting them in water tanks, wagon beds, milk cans, washtubs, old boats and automobile tires. They make a place look like a back alley in "Purgatory".

Have a bird bath in your garden. You can make it yourself with a few cents' worth of sand and cement, and get a lot of fun out of it later, seeing it patronized by your little feathered friends. Keep it clean and well filled with water and it is a good investment.

Just off Bermuda is an undersea rock garden laid out by diving landscape gardeners, the only one of its kind in the world.

After a plant has flowered, give it a rest for a few days in a dark, cool, dry place and decrease the watering.

Grass gives off a toxic poison that retards the growth of small trees. The ungrassed area around a small tree should be three to four feet in diameter.

The air from lawns is good for humans. An average-sized lawn transpires from ten to fifteen gallons of water daily into the air.

Interesting Plant Peculiarities

Viewed from above the common hop and certain honeysuckles twine clockwise; morning glories and common beans twine the other way. The *Blumenbachia* is fickle. It is not uncommon for the same tendril to reverse itself from clockwise to counterclockwise, and vice versa.

In the case of the crocus and tulip the petals are very susceptible to temperature changes. When it is warm the outer side of the blossom grows faster, causing the blossom to open, but with lowered temperature the petals are drawn together. This explains the opening and closing of flowers night and morning.

Torrey pines and Pinon pines may have seeds which will germinate twins, or up to as many as six treelets at one time.

British architects found the lovely ivy covering ancient ruins was the cause of the ruin. It can turn any brick or stone building into a ruin in a single century, and is therefore being removed from all royal castles in England. It eats into stone bases, cracks buttresses and tumbles great blocks from the walls.

Water hyacinth threatened to choke some American streams, but it was found that playing live steam on the plants shriveled them up, roots and all, killing them completely.

There is a curious creeping fern which grows on trees in the Malay peninsula and which the ants have found perfectly suited

to their needs for a home. Each plant is a living ants' nest. There are natural channels in the interior of the fern which the ants use in their travels.

An Irish scientist is extracting a fine imitation of silk from the seaweed kelp.

Life preservers are being made in Germany from the pith of the sunflower. The material is said to be eight times as light as cork and four times as light as the hair of the reindeer.

Lotus seeds buried under layers of peat in Manchuria, and thus believed to be 5,000 years old, were made to grow when brought to light of day. They were probably buried at the time of the Flood.

What to Do With the Oranges

◆ Using his massive intellect on what to do with the billions of oranges now going to waste in the United States, the editor of *The American Guardian* makes the sensible suggestion that 3,000,000,000 of them could be given to the 10,000,000 underprivileged American school children, one a day every day for 300 days. At a cent apiece that would net \$30,000,000, which is less than half the cost of one battleship. And, besides, an orange a day every day for a school year, to every underprivileged school child would certainly do more good than a half a battleship sent to the bottom of the ocean with a single bomb. Now, wouldn't it?

Big Demand for Soybeans

◆ Despite the fact that the soybean crop in the United States in 1938 was the largest on record, amounting to 57,665,000 bushels, the European demand was so great that the entire crop was practically sold out early in March, 1939. Prices in the United States, at around 80 cents a bushel, were about 4 cents a bushel less than the price in Manchuria.

Three Billion Tons of Wasted Soil

◆ Every year in the United States three billion tons of soil are washed into the sea, one-fourth of it by the Mississippi river alone. This soil contains as much phosphorus, potassium, nitrogen, calcium and magnesium (the principal ingredients of commercial fertilizers) as the United States uses in sixty years, at present rate of use.

Censorship in Forty Countries

◆ Censorship now exists in forty countries, which gives some idea of how rapidly war conditions are spreading over the world.

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The Lovely Snakeskin Shoes

◆ Dr. Franz Werner, professor of zoology at the Vienna University, states, on the authority of Dr. Felix Kopstein, who practiced medicine for seven years in the Dutch East Indies, that many hundred thousands of large and small snake and lizard skins are brought annually to the skin markets of the Sunda islands. The "water-snake, which is about ten feet long, is found in great masses in one river in Borneo, and is much used for ladies' shoes. All these snakes are quite harmless. How are they killed? The animal is simply nailed by the head to a tree, alive, a slit is then cut in the back of the head and the whole skin pulled in one piece from the LIVING ANIMAL. No one then troubles any more about the latter, and it may take days before its agony is over. It is a crime, and to get money or other advantage from a crime is to make oneself guilty of complicity."—M. Baur, Zurich.

In the Great Australian Fire

◆ In the great Australian fire in January, 1939, more than a thousand square miles of

once beautiful country were turned into smoking ruins. City temperatures went up to 120 degrees, and visibility in the streets was reduced to a block or two in the daytime, while in the country it was dark as night by 3 p.m. One survivor who took refuge in a mudhole reported that a wild bull rushed through the burning bush and settled down beside him, bellowing all night with terror.

Pensions in New Zealand

◆ All persons in New Zealand 60 years of age and over may receive a pension of \$7.50 per week. A widow with one child may receive \$8.70 a week; two children, \$11.25 a week; three children, \$13.70 a week; and so on up to \$22.50 per week.

The Hard-working Kiwi

◆ The hard-working kiwi, of New Zealand, is hardly larger than a hen but lays one-pound eggs. The bird cannot fly and is such a sound sleeper that it can be picked up without awaking.

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"Orl Right"



The old-iron merchant was trundling his barrow along a narrow English road. Behind him the impatient driver of a motorcar was hooting and tooting impatiently.

The old-iron merchant set his barrow down in the middle of the road, turned round and made a speculative survey of the car.

"Orl right, guv'nor," he said, "I'll call round for that tomorrow. I'm full up now!"—*Labor*.

Three Cheers

On a card in the front window of an Indianapolis suburban home appeared the notice:

"A piano for sale."

In the window next door another card appeared with just one word:

"Hurrah!"

Cautious About the Plumbing

Man in barber chair, twice nicked by razor: "Give me a glass of water, quick."

Barber: "Whassa matter; hair in your mouth?"

Excited Customer: "No, I want to see if my neck leaks!"

The Jaybird

The jaybird that works overtime dropping more nuts than he ever will be able to swallow, through a woodpecker hole in the shingle roof of a deserted barn, has got nothing on the jays who would grab the whole earth to assure themselves six feet of it.

Another Joy-Killer

Politician: "Congratulate me, dear! I was elected."

His Wife: "Honestly?"

Politician: "Why bring that up?"

Explaining the Delay

"Since Bill lost all his money he has lost half his friends."

"What about the other half?"

"They don't know it yet."—*Kellygram*.

When Hubby Was Too Thoughtful

"If I'm unable to get home this evening," he said, "I'll send you a note."

"Never mind," his wife replied. "I found it last night in your pocket."—*Labor*.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Convention Report

JESUS foretold this day when the "great multitude" would come from the east and west to sit down by the side of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who together pictured THE THEOCRACY. (Matthew 8:11) To those who are now privileged to witness the increase of this great, swelling army, the fulfillment of the prophecy is thrilling beyond expression. The sight of those coming now to seek salvation under the protection of the Lord's organization was dramatically exemplified at the recent zone assembly in Long Beach, California, February 9-11. This was not really a convention, but only a joint meeting of Zones 1, 2 and 5 of the state of California. But those of the remnant and of their companions, the "great multitude", heard of this assembly which was to be addressed by Judge Rutherford, and came from all parts of the west, Canada, and Mexico. The people of Los Angeles and Long Beach, who received an invitation to the assembly by means of wide advertisement and publicity, which was carried on without the aid of any newspaper, also swarmed to the congregation of the Lord's people.

The climax of the meeting was the public address by Judge Rutherford, on Sunday, at 3 p.m., in the Municipal Auditorium, on the subject "THE THEOCRACY". An audience of 8,000 people heard this wonderful message from the Lord in breathless attention. A thousand more people were turned away from this beautiful auditorium, picturesquely located on the beach of the Pacific ocean. No auditorium has ever been large enough, in Los Angeles county, when Judge Rutherford speaks.

As the remnant decreases in the earth and the "great multitude" sweeps up in numbers, the message of the Lord is more particularly addressed to that company who shall fill the earth with a righteous race. How intently this audience, chiefly composed of the Jonathan class, or "multitude", heard the speaker de-

scribe THE THEOCRACY in the thrilling phrase of the Scriptures! There was realization in their faces that what they heard was life-giving truth informing them of the purposes of the Almighty to sustain them in this hour of peril and need. "Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah." (Psalm 3:8, A.R.V.) It was a marvelous sight to see the remnant and the Jondabs gathered together in unity.—Psalm 133:1.

Judge Rutherford's speech was not delivered entirely by manuscript, as is compulsory in radio addresses, but it was a heart-to-heart speech delivered with all the fire and emphasis that was possible in appealing to those of reasonable minds that they might seek the Lord's place of safety. Those joyous people, hearing the Lord's way of salvation, were a sight never to be forgotten. Clearly it was outlined to them how religion has been the snare which Satan has used to blind the people. Another thrill came when it was pointed out that soon the Hierarchy's chief potentate would arrange for peace, claim all the credit therefor, and then would sudden destruction come upon the Hierarchy and their whole gang. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1 Thessalonians 5:3) This great message of Jehovah was the soul-satisfying feast for the hungry Lazarus company, many of whom had been held in subjection by the religionists.

Long Beach is fortunate to have some real men among its citizens, who have not forgotten that this country was founded to give freedom to the oppressed. When the manager of the Municipal Auditorium was appealed to to rent the building for the assembly, he answered in this phrase: "Who? Jehovah's witnesses want to come here for convention? Are you not the people that had trouble with the Coughlinites at Madison Square Garden? You

can't rent this auditorium; we will give it to you free for three days, because you are the kind of people we want in this town." And despite the Catholic Hierarchy's usual methods of intimidation, in which they had endless telephone calls relayed to this freedom-loving manager, he stuck by his word and told this bunch of totalitarians to "go jump in the creek".

There were other real men in Long Beach. It is said that the city has recently had a change in official personnel, a Catholic mayor and governing group having been replaced by some red-blooded Americans. When the priests got their parishioners and other suckers to call up the chief of police and the mayor, asking them to stop Jehovah's witnesses, they got little satisfaction.

The only effect that opposition to the Lord's message has is merely to advertise it the more. In his address Judge Rutherford called attention to the tactics of the Hierarchy in thus trying to prevent the people from hearing the truth; and so five or six thousand of the public from Long Beach and vicinity heard the

exposure of this gang, and their disgust was increased.

Other features of the assembly were service discourses both in Spanish and in English and a model *Watchtower* study. The *Watchtower* study was a revelation to many in the amount of ground covered in less than an hour. Brief opening and closing comments were made by the chairman, the salient points of the entire December 15 *Watchtower* were considered, more than thirty questions asked and answered, thirty-six paragraphs were read; and this was completed with accurate answering of all questions, requiring no additional comment by the chairman, in less than sixty minutes. This accomplishment did not permit of any "windjamming". On Sunday morning 226 were immersed, 5,500 books and booklets were placed, besides 1,171 individual copies of *Consolation* and *The Watchtower*, during the convention; attendance at phonograph setups and sound-car recordings was 4,019, besides those present at the meetings. All went home rejoicing at another victory for Jehovah.—Written by one who was present.

Watchtower and Consolation Distributors Arrested

FIVE young men, eager to bear to others the vital truths now due to go to the people, stationed themselves on a busy street intersection in Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday, February 24, and offered passers-by the *Watchtower* and *Consolation* magazines, at the same time calling out, with great plainness of speech, "Religion is a snare and a racket" or "Read the truth about religion and see for yourself that it is the world's biggest racket", and similar other arresting observations.

They were entirely within their rights in so doing, not only on the basis of the Word of God, but also on the basis of confirmatory decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States, which, in opinions handed down in the *Schneider* case and the *Lovell v. City of Griffin* decision, made it clear that no one can be stopped from spreading papers, pamphlets, magazines or other literature, on the streets or elsewhere.

Whether the policeman on the job in this instance knew this or not, he understood that something uncomplimentary was being said about religion. His name was Leahy. So he arrested the young men, all of them, forget-

ting that the United States is a democracy and that freedom of speech and of the press is one of the most jealously guarded rights of the American people. He had sworn to uphold these rights and be loyal to them, and defend them with his life—but no matter. Here was something he felt must be stopped. But the end was not yet. He had to appear in court and explain matters.

When the cases were tried he was placed on the stand, and when asked whether he was a Roman Catholic he sort of hated to admit it, but said softly, "Yes." When asked to state why he had arrested these young men, he said that they had shouted too loud. Would he demonstrate just how loud they had shouted "Religion is a snare and a racket"? He tried, but something stuck in his throat, and the demonstration was far from convincing.

Then he was asked if it was not true that "Coughlin's *Social Justice* magazine" was regularly distributed at the same location. "Yes," that was true. But he had not arrested any of those who distributed that inflammatory periodical. Was he then a member of "The

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Christian Front"? He turned red, but said "No". The attorneys for the WATCHTOWER distributors then saw to it that the record of the case included a statement as to the exact reason for opposition to the work of proclaiming the truth of the Kingdom of God. They were aware that the Kingdom publishers were not chiefly concerned about their personal liberation from restraint. They wanted to give a testimony to the praise of Jehovah's name; for the honor of that name, and not their personal liberty, was the issue. The judge on the bench at first wished to exclude such testimony, not appreciating the situation fully. But he was a just judge, and, mindful of the fact that these young men had been put to considerable in-

convenience, he permitted their attorneys to include a statement of the real reason both for their work and for the opposition of the clergy (who were back of the policeman). A complete record having been made, the judge dismissed the case, with the statement that the workers of the WATCHTOWER were entirely within their rights, that it was perfectly apparent that their ideals were of the highest, that they were not criminals, and that police officers, instead of interfering, should protect them in their work. The judge stated, "These men will give their life for this work; our country would be better off if there were more men like that, as they are very rare in these days."

American Railroads



I AM a railroad man, and I wonder whether you know that approximately 16,000 passenger trains are operated in the United States, and somewhere in the land a train is either starting or ending a trip every five seconds.

All the cars and locomotives owned by the railroads of the United States, if coupled together, would make a train nearly 20,000 miles in length.

In a year, the railroads carry approximately 500 million passengers, or as many passengers as there are people in all of North America and South America, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Poland, Spain and Germany combined.

In 1930, the total mileage run by American passenger trains at a mile a minute, or more, was only 1,100 miles a day, while today it exceeds 50,000 miles.

The first streamline train was placed in service in 1934, and today there are 88 high-speed light-weight streamline trains in operation, on 18 railroads, in the United States.

Fifty-six percent of the passenger trains classified as the fastest scheduled runs in the world operate on American railroads.

A railroad passenger can now leave New York on Friday night and arrive on the Pacific Coast the following Monday morning.

One dollar now pays for carrying a railroad passenger 54 miles, compared with 32 miles in 1921.

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Pullman and Dining-Car Service

In the course of a year 174 million pieces of linen and 535,000 blankets pass through the Pullman Company's laundries. Last year the Pullman Company, the world's greatest housekeeper, purchased 220,528 sheets, 157,780 pillow cases, 20,253 tidies, 455,829 towels, 24,318 headrest covers, 13,692 napkins, and 3,260 tablecloths.

The reason why the railroads know that Americans like pie is that apple pie is the most popular dessert served on railroad dining cars.

The first railroad dining car was built in 1868, by George M. Pullman, and was named "Delmonico", after the famous New York restaurateur.

Railroad dining cars use, each year, about twenty-four million eggs, nine million pounds of potatoes, two million pounds of butter, one and a half million oranges, fifteen thousand barrels of apples, three and a half million quarts of milk and cream, a million loaves of bread, and about thirty million rolls.

Railroad dining cars serve twenty-five million meals a year—which is equivalent to serving every inhabitant of a city of nearly 23,000 population with three meals a day for an entire year.

Railroads buy and use more than 70,000 different commodities, including such things as pins, needles, strawberries, locomotives, rails and bridges, and railroad purchases are made in 12,000 communities, located in all of the

States, and in 85 percent of the counties in the nation.

Now Talking About Freight

Do you realize that the railroads last year performed a service equivalent to moving one ton of freight 2,230 miles for every man, woman and child in the United States?

Railroads are the backbone of the nation's transportation, because only railroads can provide the efficient, low-cost, all-weather mass transportation service required by industry and agriculture.

Last year the railroads loaded 30 million cars of freight and hauled them distances ranging from a few miles to more than 3,000 miles.

About 39,750 five-ton trucks would be required to carry the freight that one railroad hauls into, out of, and through Ashland, Kentucky, on an average day.

To carry the freight moving on one line of railroad out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on an average day, would require 32,000 five-ton trucks.

Nearly 1,100 five-ton trucks would be required to carry as much coal as a hundred-car freight train.

Ninety percent of the nation's freight traffic is handled in regularly scheduled freight trains that move on definite schedules; the same as passenger trains.

The average speed of freight trains last year was 61-percent faster than it was in 1920.

Approximately 80 percent of the operating revenues of the railroads is derived from freight traffic.

The railroads now haul an average ton of freight 98 miles for the price of one dollar, compared with 78 miles in 1921.

Except for Japan, where labor is very cheap, American railroad freight rates, as measured by the average revenue received for hauling a ton of freight one mile, are the lowest in the world.

To buy a three-cent postage stamp takes all the income the railroads receive for hauling an average ton of freight three miles, because the average revenue is only about one cent a mile.

Railway Express service in the United States was one hundred years old on March 4, 1938. The first "expressman" carried packages between New York and Boston in a carpetbag, and thus the service was inaugurated.

In one three-month period the Railway Ex-

press Agency handled more than 200 tons of bees from seven Southern states located east of the Mississippi river.

Rails, Ties, and Tunnels



In 1830 there were only 23 miles of railroad in the United States, while today the total length of all tracks operated in this country would form 138 lines reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The United States has about 31 percent of the total railway mileage in the world—245,752 out of 789,000 miles of line—although the land area and population of the United States are less than 6 percent of the world's total.

Railroad tracks in this country are laid on more than one billion crossties—nearly 3,000 crossties being required for each mile of track.

Despite extensive tests over a long period of years, the railroads have failed to find a substitute, which will stand up successfully under heavy main line service, for the chemically treated wooden crosstie.

The T-rail, and the "hook-headed" spike used today by railroads throughout the world to fasten steel rails to crossties, were designed about 1830 by an American.

Railroads in this country began to place steel rail in general use about 1867. The average weight of steel rail in use in the United States is 94 pounds a yard.

The railroads, by using a welding process for building up the worn ends of steel rails, prolong the life of such rails fully one-third.

The point of contact between the track and wheels of the modern railroad locomotive or car is no more than the width of a chalk line.

The first railroad tunnel in the United States was opened in 1833.

Class I railroads pass through 1,539 tunnels which, if placed end to end, would extend a distance of 320 miles.

Supplies and Pay Rolls

About two million tons of steel rail, enough to build a track ten thousand miles long, are normally purchased each year by the railroads of the United States.



The railroads use approximately ninety million tons of coal annually, or 22 percent of the nation's total coal production.

There is a railroad pay roll in every city and nearly every town and village in the United States, and railroad employees

receive, in wages, around two billion dollars a year—or about half of every dollar the railroads take in.

The railroads provide employment to about one million wage earners, who, with their families, comprise a group of around four million men, women and children—which is more than the population of ten cities the size of Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is estimated that for every man directly employed by the railroads, one man is employed by other industries in the production and distribution of the 70,000 different kinds of articles the railroads buy and use.

When their income will permit it, railroads spend about one billion dollars a year for materials, supplies and fuel, thus stimulating employment and local business throughout the land.

Locomotives and Freight Cars

The building of a standard locomotive provides employment equivalent to the work of 50 men for one year, and requires more than 7,500 parts, from 119 manufacturing plants.

The firebox of one of the largest locomotives in operation is 9 feet wide and 22 feet long—or as large as the average room in a small home.

The building of one freight car requires materials from 31 states and provides employment equal to the work of one man for a year.

Who Own the Bonds?

I wonder whether you know that millions of persons benefit when railroad fixed charges are paid, because these charges are mostly interest on bonded debt—and 56 percent of the outstanding railroad bonds are held by life insurance companies, savings banks, educational and charitable institutions.

The value of railroad property, after allowance for depreciation, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission, is about two billion dollars greater than the total amount of stocks and bonds in the hands of the public.

Reports filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission show that there are approximately 871,000 railroad stockholders. One large railroad is owned by 215,000 individual stockholders, and about one-half of them are women.

Back in 1910, for every \$1,000 invested in the railroad plant, the bonded debt was \$606. This has been reduced until today, it is only \$439—or less than 44 cents for each dollar actually invested in the railroads.

Barge and Truck Competition



To provide and keep up their roadways, and to pay taxes, railroads claim they pay out about 32½ cents out of every dollar they take in. Only railroads, of all the agencies providing general transportation service, operate on their own roadways, fully pay their own costs, and contribute substantially, in taxes, to the support of government.

The Federal Barge Line, Government-owned and -operated competitor of the railroads, pays no taxes, and its channels are built and maintained by the public.

The average annual cost of maintaining a mile of railroad, including structures, is \$1,792, while the yearly maintenance cost of the New York Barge Canal is \$4,749 a mile.

It has cost the taxpayers of the country \$145,000 a mile to improve the Mississippi river, exclusive of flood-control work. Users of this waterway enjoy a subsidy at the expense of the taxpayers of more than \$10,000 a mile a year.

The "taxes" paid by the highway carriers are not like railroad taxes. Railroad taxes are used for the general support of government. What the highway carriers pay is used, for the most part, to build and maintain the public highways they use as a place of business.

The Federal Government has expended 6½ billions of dollars to encourage the development of transportation, of which 2½ billions have been for waterways and about 3½ billions for highways.

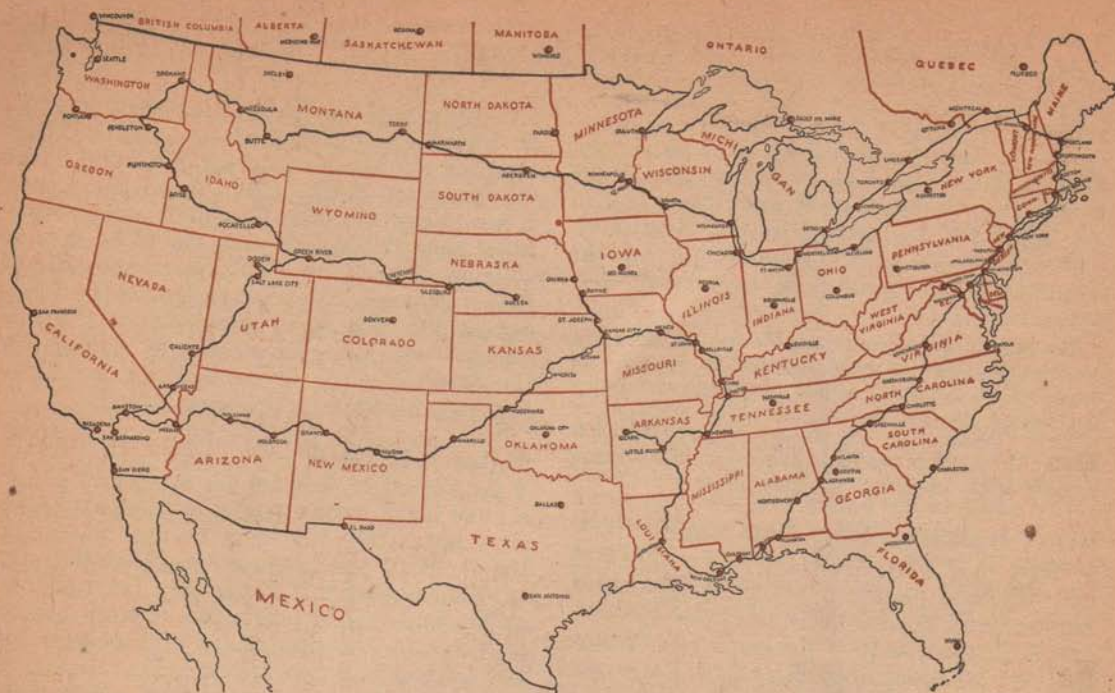
Passenger Service

Every once in a while you hear something about the railroads' being on the downward path, but I wonder whether you know what kind of service they are now rendering to the traveling public. I live in Green River, Wyoming, through which pass many of the finest and fastest long-distance trains in the world. The other day I borrowed an American Railway Guide and made up my itinerary for my winter vacation, during this January, 1940, just past, as shown herewith.

On this trip of less than two weeks I had an opportunity to see something of many of the most important cities in the United States; visited every state in the Union; saw all of the most majestic rivers; crossed some of the finest bridges ever made; visited the national capital, twelve state capitals and two Canadian capitals; saw some of the finest scenery

in the world; slept in a comfortable bed every night; had the best of meals; had access to all the best periodicals (except *Consolation*), with barber service, bath, valet service, ladies' lounge, soda fountain, radio, daily market reports, and other features.

<i>January</i> 1940	<i>Arrive</i>	<i>Via</i>	<i>Mountain Time</i>	<i>Leave</i>	<i>Via</i>	<i>Miles</i>
Sat. 13			Green River, Wyo. Julesburg, Colo.	12:30 AM UP 10:07 AM UP		
	2:40 PM	UP	<i>Central Time</i> Odessa, Nebr.	2:43 PM UP		618
Sun. 14	3:37 AM 4:00 PM	UP UP	<i>Mountain Time</i> Green River, Wyo. Boise, Idaho	4:10 AM UP 4:10 PM UP		
Mon. 15	7:00 AM	UP	<i>Pacific Time</i> Pendleton, Oreg. Spokane, Wash.	12:13 AM UP 8:00 AM CM&StP		1649.3
			<i>Mountain Time</i> Butte, Mont.	7:15 PM		
Tue. 16			<i>Central Time</i> Marmarth, N. Dak. Aberdeen, S. Dak. Minneapolis, Minn.	8:01 AM 3:38 PM 10:30 PM		
Wed. 17	8:55 AM 12:12 PM	CM&S PRR	Milwaukee, Wis. Chicago, Ill. Fort Wayne, Ind. Montpelier, Ohio	7:05 AM 9:30 AM 12:25 PM 2:24 PM	PRR Wabash	1878.4 148
	4:15 PM	Wab.	<i>Eastern Time</i> Detroit, Mich. Toronto, Ont.	4:45 PM CPR 10:25 PM		146.5
Thu. 18	7:45 AM 1:50 PM	CPR CPR	Montreal, Que. St. Johnsbury, Vt. Crawford Notch, N. H.	9:30 AM CPR 2:30 PM MC 4:30 PM		569.3 151.3
	7:30 PM 10:30 PM	B&M	Portland, Maine Boston, Mass.	8:40 PM B&M		131.3 114.7
Fri. 19			Boston, Mass. Providence, R. I. New Haven, Conn. New York, N. Y.	12:00 AM NYNH 1:25 AM 4:10 AM		
	6:10 AM	NYNH	Jersey City, N. J. Philadelphia, Pa. Wilmington, Del. Baltimore, Md.	8:27 AM B&O 10:17 AM 10:47 AM 12:13 PM		229.1
	2:30 PM 4:40 PM	B&O B&O	Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Washington, D. C.	3:22 PM B&O 6:45 PM So.Ry		279.7 55.1
Sat. 20			Lynchburg, Va. Charlotte, N. C. Spartanburg, S. C.	10:57 PM 3:30 AM 5:03 AM		
	8:17 AM 1:05 PM	So.Ry A&WP	<i>Central Time</i> Atlanta, Ga. Montgomery, Ala. Flomaton, Fla.	8:50 AM A&WP 1:20 PM L&N 3:55 PM		637.5 176
	9:30 PM	L&N	Gulfport, Miss. New Orleans, La.	7:35 PM 10:00 PM MoP		318



Der Lust's remarkable vacation trip

January
1940

	Arrive	Via	Central Time	Leave	Via	Miles
Sun. 21	2:09 PM	MoP	Ozark, Ark.	3:08 PM	MoP	612.2
	10:25 PM	MoP	Memphis, Tenn.	11:20 PM	IC	273.2
Mon. 22			Fulton, Ky.	1:45 AM		
	7:20 AM	IC	St. Louis, Mo.	9:00 AM	CB&Q	316.1
	5:21 PM	CB&Q	Payne, Iowa	5:48 PM	CB&Q	449
	9:15 PM	CB&Q	Kansas City	11:00 PM	AT&SF	150
Tue. 23			Waynoka, Okla.	8:35 AM		
			Amarillo, Texas	1:45 PM		
			<i>Mountain Time</i>			
			Clovis, N. Mex.	3:20 PM		
			<i>Pacific Time</i>			
Wed. 24			Seligman, Ariz.	7:00 AM		
	6:05 PM	AT&SF	San Bernardino, Calif.	8:08 PM	UP	1716.4
Thu. 25			Las Vegas, Nev.	1:22 AM		
			<i>Mountain Time</i>			
			Salt Lake City, Utah	10:29 AM		929
			Green River, Wyo.	2:34 PM		

Total mileage, 11,548.1 miles.

Total time, 12 days, 14 hours, 4 minutes.

Miles per hour for entire time away, 38.2.

Miles per day for entire time away, 916.8.

The best of it is that I had this splendid vacation without the loss of a moment's time, and without its costing me one cent. I think I explained to you that a friend of mine loaned me the American Railway Guide. The

itinerary was honestly made from that; the trip itself was an imaginary one. I could not spare either the time or the money to take it. I hope you enjoyed your ride; see the map. —W. A. N. Der Lust, Wyoming. [?—Ed.]

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New Jersey

Liberty Is Liberty



Liberty is liberty, even in Jersey City, and so most real Americans will be pleased and interested in the paragraph in the New York Post, which, commenting on the Supreme Court decision in the Jersey City cases, said:

From now on anyone may distribute circulars, conduct meetings or make speeches in Jersey City or anywhere else in the country without prior police permission, so long as he conducts himself in an orderly fashion, and the police are not entitled to decide, in advance, that a meeting should be barred because it is "likely" to be disorderly.

Relief Racket in West New York

◆ West New York is a suburb of Jersey City and has been having a beautiful time working the relief racket. There is a little difficulty just at present, as 10 of the employees, Walter Brierty, Rinaldo Bozzuffi, Ellen Kelly and seven others in the office, and five outside of it, are being tried for forgery, larceny, and conspiracy in 289 indictments. Relief orders were issued to hundreds of persons who do not exist, persons who had left the city and other persons who had not asked for relief. It was all part of the racket to make America Fascist.

Same as Anybody Else

◆ A representative of Mayor Hague, welcoming a convention of the C. I. O. to Jersey City, represented to the conventioners that Mayor Hague and the city government are just like anybody else. This should go in the "Appetizers" column, but there isn't room. Mayor Hague is just learning the ABC's of what it means to be an American citizen. After all he has said and done to the C. I. O. and kindred organizations it must burn him up to have to welcome them to his city, even by proxy.

Blind Persons Have Right of Way

◆ Blind persons have been given the right of way in traffic in New Jersey. The blind of Jersey City have been presented with white and red canes which give them the right of way at traffic intersections. There are 3,000 blind men and women in the state that will benefit by the new law.

Cleaning Out the Trust Company

◆ The Hague gang had a delightful time cleaning out the New Jersey Title and Trust Company, of Jersey City. When they knew it was going to capsize they patriotically withdrew over \$2,000,000, so it would be sure to collapse. Then that highly honorable Hague judge, Thomas F. Meaney, resigned his \$15,000 a year job so that he could collect the fees which would come in serving as counsel for the State Banking Commission in the clean-out process. Fine business, boys!

"Liberty Is Dead"

◆ At Plainfield, Samuel W. Rushmore placed a huge black wooden coffin on the roof of his mansion at 604 Belvidere avenue, placed on the front of the house a large painted sign reading, "Liberty is dead; Heil Hague," and at the end of his porch put a large ashean bearing another sign reading, "Hague is the law; dump law books here." Mr. Rushmore is an old-fashioned American, of whom there are still a few, here and there.

The Diaz of Jersey City

◆ During the generation in which Porfirio Diaz was president of Mexico it was against the law for any voter to vote against him. That was a fine arrangement for Porfirio while it lasted. In Jersey City Frank Hague has been elected mayor six times, and in the last election he received 110,743 votes for and only 6,793 against. He is so popular that one man voted for him 137 times in the last election, and boasted of it. Porfirio Diaz died in exile.


Dorothy Stood by Celemma

◆ Dorothy Johnson's parents, living in Philadelphia, decided to spend last summer in Atlantic City, but the cat Celemma would not be allowed to go. That is what the parents thought. Dorothy thought otherwise. She lit out with the cat, hitchhiked to the seashore, slept under the boardwalk, and showed up with three cents unexpended capital still on hand. She was allowed to stay, and to keep her cat. Dorothy is 13.

Two Years for Ten Cents

◆ At Woodbury, Richard Jonesboro was sentenced to eighteen months to two years for stealing two five-cent tarts.

Five Modest Trenton Cops



The modesty of Trenton cops is most touching. City ordinances of the New Jersey capital city forbid bingo. The city prosecutor denounced all operators of bingo games, and the police said they would take the operators to court on lottery charges. So far so good. Sergeant Kester Hughes (note the good old name) and four brave men went to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church while a big bingo game was running full blast, but, you know, the "Reverend Father" Rakvica, who was running the lottery, would not let them in, because they had no tickets, and those five cops had been so well brought up by their mothers that they went right away without doing one more thing. Now, isn't it nice to have such modest cops?

That Was Just Too Bad

◆ That was just too bad that those boys at Upsala College stole some examination papers on religion and other subjects, copied them and sold them to fellow students for \$5 apiece. One of the purchasers was a skillful buyer: he paid \$2 down and the balance after satisfying himself that the copy was a true copy. Whoever swiped the original papers let himself in between 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. through a window which had been opened from the inside during the day. The boys made good use of their papers. One who had been getting very low standings in his class work received an examination standing of 97. The Prof. thought that was too much of a good thing, and an investigation followed which brought the foregoing facts to light. Four boys were expelled, and a fifth suspended.

Gave the Murderer But 50c

◆ At Camden the "Reverend" Walter Dworecki, Baptist clergyman, paid a former boarder for murdering his own daughter, so that he could collect \$15,600 insurance on her life. The sum agreed upon was \$100, but the clergyman paid only 50c on the account. While his attractive daughter was being choked to death with the bare hands of the former boarder the "Reverend" was conducting "evangelistic" services to "keep people out of hell". When he saw the body of his daughter he put on a big display of grief. The "Reverend" has been unlucky in several arson and counterfeit money enterprises in which he has been engaged, and was easily caught.

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Do You Like Them Steam-cooked?

◆ How do you like your babies? Steam-cooked? If so, apply to Perth Amboy General Hospital, where four were nicely done an hour after they had been inspected by the head nurse, Daisy Maguinness, and found all right. That was at 1:30 a.m. The radiator valve in the nursery had been taped because it would not hold together otherwise. Just as soon as Coroner Flynn had announced that the accident was unavoidable, the tape was removed, and with it the evidence of criminal negligence. A fireman stated to a reporter that the nurses sometimes removed valves to put up the temperature. What kind of hospital is it that would have radiator valves that a nurse could remove without a wrench, or in which a quadruple roasting such as this could occur? What with cooking men at Holmesburg and now steaming babies at Perth Amboy, it appears that everything is coming along nicely for the party anticipated just prior to Armageddon.

Nincompoops at Trenton

◆ It would be a disgrace to the worthy peanut to refer to the state senate of New Jersey as composed of peanut politicians. Imagine the utter worthlessness of men, seven Democrats and seven Republicans, that would rush to appoint as a judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals a man that less than three years previous had been admitted to the bar. When the New Jersey State Bar Association sought to investigate the qualifications of Frank Hague, Jr., to this \$9,000 job the nincompoops at Trenton hurried and put him in the office anyway. Hague is a national menace.

It Pays to Advertise

◆ Robert Bierbaum, Camden grocer, was about to fail because his customers owed him \$2,700 which they would not pay. He posted a sign in his window that he was about to close up shop because the following persons owed him the amounts stated. On the first day he took in over \$500, and stayed in business.

Crooked Officials Jailed

◆ What is going to happen? At Paterson three former officials of the local relief administration were put in jail for conspiracy to misappropriate \$15,000 of the city's relief funds. If New Jersey would jail all its crooked officials there would not be enough honest ones left to do the chores.



Punishment of East Indian Racketeer

◆ Two of our Indian pioneers, Tony and Dan, in the course of their work in Poona of proclaiming the good news of the advent of the Theocratic Government, called at the home of an Indian religionist, Pastor Savant, and were invited by him to play the phonograph speeches. This was done, and he at once manifested the goat-like disposition that Jesus said would identify His enemies. (Matthew 25: 31-46) Instead of showing the gratitude due to those who seek to do good, this man resorted to violence as his father did before him.—John 8: 44.

Dan had been a newspaper correspondent for India's leading newspaper until the truth reached him and he entered into its service, and, thinking this news item would interest the local press, he sent them a brief account of what had happened. But the Press of India is as prostitute as that in other parts of the world, and these rejected the item submitted, preferring the favor of the local religious crowd to keeping faith with their readers.

We have not the ability to mass hundreds of publishers at a given town, as have you; but we have that same consuming love for Jehovah as have His people elsewhere, and we gladly responded when the Bombay branch office invited another pioneer and me to take the sound-car to Poona. We are an insignificant body compared with the massed millions of India's population, but we have no fear for the Devil's hordes; our only fear being of Him whom we love supremely—Jehovah.

We took with us a thousand handbills which read as follows:

RELIGION VERSUS CHRISTIANITY

INDIAN PASTOR ASSAULTS CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Two of Jehovah's witnesses, working with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, are in Poona preaching the gospel of God's Kingdom by means of recorded speeches and printed literature. While working in Rasta Peth on October 16 they happened to go to Pastor Savant's house (St. John Mission) and with his permission reproduced some Bible lectures by Judge Rutherford. As these lectures exposed the hypocrisy of the Christian reli-

gionists and showed a difference between religion and Christianity, the pastor became enraged, with the result that one of these witnesses was assaulted and abused by him and, as though that was not enough, this said witness was obstructed by force from leaving the premises for some time and further assaulted. A complaint has been filed at the Quarter Gate Police Station.

This sort of thing compares very well with the intolerance and religious persecution which Jesus and His disciples encountered. No doubt Pastor Savant was not afraid of these two witnesses who visited him, but he plainly was afraid of the truth which they brought to the attention of the people who listened to those lectures. Jesus warned His followers that they would be hated of all nations for His name's sake, and especially by the same crowd of religionists who persecuted Him to death.

The same speeches which were reproduced to the people of St. John's Mission are available for you to hear quite free of charge. You are invited to ask for them to be reproduced in your own home, or anywhere else. If you cannot ask one of Jehovah's witnesses personally, write for further information and literature to the Society's office:—

WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY,

17 Bastion Road, BOMBAY 1.

These were distributed among all of the English-speaking public of Poona during the course of our door-to-door work, and given out to those who listened to the lectures from the sound-car.

At our very first pitch a man who invites those who can be so duped to call him by the title "Father" in direct violation of the commandment of Jesus to the contrary (Matthew 23: 9), a minister in the Church of England, went off for the police. But while "Father" was able to induce a posse of police to come and listen to the lectures, he could not induce them to break the law by arresting us for exercising our lawful rights. So "Father" helped us to the extent of increasing our audience to the amount of six constables, for which we thank him. They listened to the lectures and, we hope, enjoyed them. We gave them handbills, and the "father" went away, no doubt much disgruntled and dissatisfied with a world that no longer jumps to obey when a back-to-front collar and flowing maternity gown commands. I found myself thinking that the police of America might learn a lesson from their less civilized (?) brothers in this land.

Notice was read out in all of the churches that Jehovah's witnesses were in town, and that nobody should hear us, take our litera-



"Government and Peace" at Hamburg, Arkansas; 8 newcomers, not counting children

ture or entertain us—a bit of free advertising for which we were truly grateful. Even the clergy may sometimes do good, howsoever unwittingly.

We learned that Pastor Savant had a crowd of cronies to whom he dispensed occasional material blessings in the form of drink and food, and these were to attack us if we went anywhere near to his locality. Nothing deterred, and trusting in the protection of Jehovah, we went; and no harm came to us. "The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds; their might hath failed; they became as women." (Jeremiah 51:30) Instead of the promised thrashing, we got a large and attentive audience, among whom, perhaps, would be the pastor who had dared to touch one of the Lord's anointed, gnawing his tongue and kicking himself for a fool as the hypocrisy of the clergy was shown up by the lectures and his own particular wicked act told over the microphone. At most places where the lectures were given some people of good will were located.

Now Poona has a Model Study class started, and many are showing an interest in Christianity as opposed to religion. Some of these are from Pastor Savant's own flock, and I had the privilege to get in some "locust" work at

a meeting arranged by them with the sole object of finding out why all of the clergy were warning them to have nothing to do with us. This was their very first question; I took in a very long breath and answered. It was midnight when we at last went home to our food.

The last that we heard of Pastor Savant was that he was consulting his lawyer for fear that we were going to take legal steps against him. He need have no such fear—we are not seeking our own vengeance; for Jehovah will settle all accounts at Armageddon. It is truly a strange work in which we are engaged, and with all my heart I thank Jehovah for the unspeakable privilege of being called to engage in it.

The work in India goes steadily forward. From various parts of our field I hear of advances being made. In fact, just now it seems that the toil of many a difficult year is beginning to bear fruit; for from various places I hear of opposition being aroused and of some coming into the fold of the Lord's "other sheep" as a result. Only those who actually work in this country know of the difficulties that confront us at every turn; and only we know the great joy that comes from serving faithfully in spite of these difficulties, and our cup of joy flows over when we behold the

great multitude of those of good will rubbing their eyes in wonderment as they walk out from the darkness into God's marvelous light.
—C. S. Goodman, Pioneer.

From a British Pioneer

◆ I feel so thrilled and grateful to Jehovah that I would like you also to share this joy He has given me during the last few days.

Last Wednesday morning there was a company drive and I was working with them as I usually do. In the course of the morning I observed a lady leaving her house three or four doors from where I was and my first thought was to let her pass without witnessing to her, but second thoughts prompted me to approach her quickly and before she had got many steps from her front gate. Judge my pleasure when after hearing the nature and purpose of my work she said "Come in" and returned indoors. Presently she stated that she was a Catholic. It was a Catholic district and a few minutes earlier a lady had, with a demonstration of indignation, come out of her house after me and tore up and threw away a Catholic-Fascist Menace leaflet. However, the lady I was interviewing had a very different mind and listened attentively to what I had to say. She said that she had not been satisfied for some time, and later divulged that at one time she had attempted to leave, but the "Father" had created a great fuss and so she ultimately allowed him to persuade her to stay. I asked whether she was a "practicing" Catholic, whereupon she told me that she was unmarried, was a lady of independence living in her own house and owning property; that she arose at 6:15 a.m. and went across to the "Church" and opened it

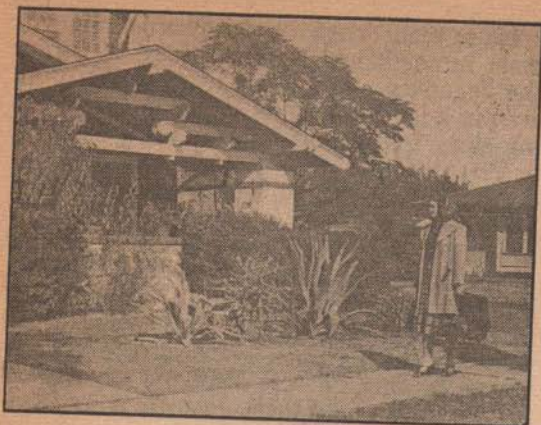


Miss San Antonio, Texas, proclaims the Good News to a group of four, at the doorstep

every morning and assisted the priest daily in saying the Latin responses; she also had sole charge and care of all the priestly vestments, altar cloths, candlesticks, etc. In short, she was doing all the duties of a sacristan, free. I asked her permission to call in a company publisher—a sister—and quickly arranged for the sister to call for Miss Bennett to take her to a *Salvation* study for the following Tuesday. I placed with her, for the time being, *Riches*, *Enemies*, *Salvation*, and *Uncovered*, and asked whether she had a Bible, and she said "No". So I offered to lend her my Catholic Bible. I returned with it the same evening (also some records). She welcomed me and said she was free and desired me to go in. So I played several selected records, and when Judge Rutherford said on the "Enemies" record that for 1500 years the Roman Catholic Church had worked much injury to the people she spontaneously responded "That's true". I should have said, that immediately upon entering this time she picked up the *Uncovered* booklet, turned back, and showed me she had nearly finished reading it. I played "Instruction", and she gave me a year's subscription for *The Watchtower*. While I was there "Father" Rooney rang her up on the telephone and she, laughing, let me hear the conversation. He asked her to go across to the church; and she said, "No, I've got a visitor." She showed me the counterfoils of her cheque book; but, as she requested my confidence, I cannot repeat how many hundreds of pounds she had paid out to him.



Kingdom House, Manchester, England



Miss San Antonio, Texas, thus carries her phonograph from one doorstep setup to the next

She has been a Catholic for thirty years, and I mentioned it was strange that no attempt had been made to induce her to take the veil; and she replied that they had had her in a convent and she wore the black habit of a nun under temporary vows for a short period. When she left, the mother superior spent three hours trying to induce her to stay.

She writes:

Dear Mr. Meaden,

Very many thanks for your kind letter and the loan of the book.

I have just finished reading it and am amazed at the accuracy of the many details. I know more of these things than the average Catholic and am in entire sympathy and agreement with the writer.

I note what you say re Tuesday and will bring the Bible and book (*Salvation*) mentioned.

I am hoping to find sufficient courage to take the first step in breaking away from the Catholic Church early next week. Unfortunately for me, it is not just a matter of working out of it at one step. I have various Church funds in hand which must be handed over to Father Rooney in person, besides other Church belongings. I have felt for many years that there was something very radically wrong with the Catholic organization. I myself could write a book on its injustices and cruelties.

I have been in responsible positions in the Church and have thereby acquired firsthand knowledge.

All good wishes until Tuesday,

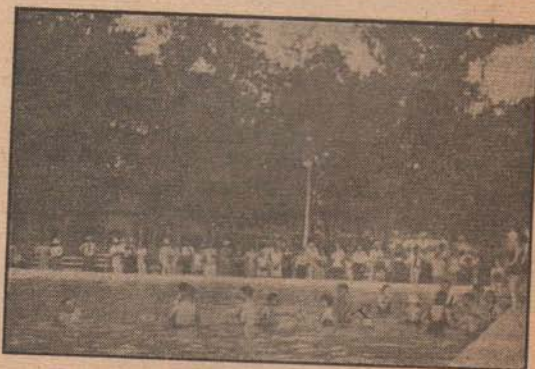
(Miss) G. BENNETT.

She will attend *Salvation* study tomorrow, and I pray God will give her vision and courage to go the whole length, declare herself for Him and replace her former work with the Lord's "strange work" of witness.—Harry Meaden, Pioneer.

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Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario

◆ We have had a very interesting experience in Kapuskasing. The chief of police accosted us three times demanding that we obtain a license to sell books. We showed him our testimony card and explained that we were placing literature on a contribution basis and did not need a license. He commanded us to secure a written order to this effect from the town clerk. We put him off the first time and studied our Order of Trial for our course of action. It occurred to us that it might be the decent thing to go to the town clerk, give him a witness and explain our work, but did not go, because we were afraid this would constitute a compromise. In this case the chief seemed to be trying to intimidate us into leaving town; so we continued working, and after interrupting us three times he picked us up and took us before the magistrate at the town hall. The chief accused us of selling without a license and said he had a witness ready to swear that we "sold him" a book; that there were complaints coming in every day about our 'bothering the people and refusing to leave their homes without their buying our books'; and what was more, they wanted to hear this "offensive record" we were using in this work. We waited until the chief got done spluttering, and then presented our testimony card and explained that as our organization had a charter to work anywhere in Ontario we did not consider it necessary to ask permission to do this work in Kapuskasing. The magistrate asked us where we had worked before, and whether we had been asked to secure permission to work in the other towns. We said, No, no one had even suggested such a thing; most church organizations solicit contributions for



Baptism of Jehovah's witnesses at Houston, Texas

their work, so why discriminate? He then called up the party the chief mentioned as his witness and asked him if he remembered getting a book from one of Jehovah's witnesses and did he buy this book or did he contribute to the work. Just imagine our relief when the man assured the magistrate that it was a donation. At this point the chief again mentioned the record; so we asked permission to play it. Both men listened attentively right through "Snare and Racket" and at the conclusion the magistrate assured me it was a "very interesting talk". Naturally this was a little hard on our Catholic friend, the cop, and to let him down a little the magistrate gave us quite a talk on the importance of the town officials' knowing what was going on in the town. He ended up with the admonition to hurry up and get finished and get out of town because the telephone was kept busy with complaints about us. He stood up then, rubbing his hands as if to be through with us, and said, "Well, Chief, I won't do any more about this," and walked out. We asked the chief if everything was O.K., and he said "Absolutely". Needless to say there was a couple of thankful pioneers that moved out of that town hall quickly.—Mrs. E. Holland, Pioneer.

The Light of the Dying Leper

◆ To be sure, it is not to one's personal credit that he serves the great Creator with all his powers. Who does less is very foolish, unworthy of life, and is sure to die. However, the account of faithful service of those who do serve under great handicap thrills the heart of all who are interested in the vindication of the name of Jehovah.

In the leper colony of Pirapitingui, São Paulo, Brazil, is an active company of Jehovah's witnesses. With testimony card, literature and phonograph they visit again and again the other patients of the colony, to the number of 2,500 to 3,000; visit the hospitals, where they play the records and read to the blind patients; and conduct Bible studies with the books and *Watchtower* every night in the week. Not content to witness only to those in their colony, they applied to the State Leprosy Board for permission for those who were physically able to visit another colony at Santo Angelo. After some months the request was granted, and five of them spent three happy days witnessing in Santo Angelo, finding interest and placing considerable literature. One interested person whom they found there was

shortly afterwards transferred to Pirapitingui, much to their delight, and is now joining with them in the work. How the Lord is finding the Jonadabs and adding them to His flock, even in a leper colony, is shown in the following story told by one of Jehovah's witnesses in Pirapitingui:

"A little old woman, widow of one of Jehovah's witnesses who had died about six months previous, was dying in the isolation hospital of the leper colony. She was almost illiterate, but had continued to receive, read and pass on the best she could the sweet message of life contained in the publications of the WATCHTOWER SOCIETY. 'Please don't use any candles for me. I don't need them. Jehovah is my light,' she said. Her request was honored; she was buried without candles (contrary to the usual custom), and the young man who heard her request asked for her Bible and literature, read them, and has now taken his position on Jehovah's side, where there is light."

Some one unknown to the company (they suppose it to be one of the doctors) is writing regularly in their colony paper items of truth which he is taking from the latest publications of the Society.—N. A. Yuille, Brazil.

Reading—Writing—Speaking

◆ From the interior of Cuba comes a sweet letter from one of Jehovah's witnesses, Spanish, but educated in the rudiments of English. Writing to Judge Rutherford he said, in part:

Please excuse bad writing, because I never went to school. May Jehovah preserve you and all who walk uprightly. My gratitude to the Almighty is more than I can explain, but all true hearts must see the right, and that this work is the work of the Almighty God. I think I could tell about the Kingdom by word of mouth, but the phonograph is better. It speaks plainly and with striking harmony. I am glad for it. When I stand or sit behind it my mouth has great ease. I have so many back-calls that if I could divide myself in three it would not be enough. We trust in God.—Joseph Clarke.

Witnesses Are Exempted

◆ A lengthy report regarding conscientious objectors before the special tribunal called to consider their cases in London mentions that when Jehovah's witnesses appear and convince the bench of their convictions (i.e., that they really believe and practice the things for which Jehovah's witnesses stand) they are usually registered for agricultural or forestry work.

(To be continued)

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Easter the Demon

“NOW about that time, Herod the king stretched forth his hands, to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers, to keep him; intending after EASTER to bring him forth to the people.” (Acts 12:1-4) If “Easter” were a Christian feast, then King Herod the Jewish proselyte would not have shown respect for it. On this text the Catholic Douay Version Bible reads: “And when he [Herod] had apprehended him, he cast him into prison, delivering him to four files of soldiers to be kept, intending, after the Pasch [(Am. Rev. Ver.) Passover], to bring him forth to the people.” In the face of all this the religionists of “Christendom” celebrate Easter, which is anti-Christian, demonistic.

Note *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Volume 5, which says: “EASTER.—The English term, according to the Venerable Bede . . . relates to Eōstre, a Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and spring, which deity, however, is otherwise unknown, even in the Edda . . . ; Anglo-Saxon, *easter*, . . . Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Leo I . . . calls it the greatest feast (*festum festorum*), and says that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. It is the centre of the greater part of the ecclesiastical year. . . the Apostolic Fathers do not mention it . . .” Thus it is shown that Easter honors a woman or a demon rather than Christ Jesus, the Son of God, whose resurrection religion claims to celebrate on Easter Sunday, the day of painted Easter eggs and bunnies.

Mark how religion has from the very beginning pushed the resurrection of Christ Jesus to the side. It was God’s purpose that Jesus should be both the ransom and the deliverer

er of believing men; and He could not be the deliverer if He remained dead. It was therefore necessary for Jesus to be resurrected. The question may be asked: If Jesus was put to death as a man, and the value of His sacrifice as a man must be presented in heaven to God, “whom no man hath seen, nor can see,” how could a man appear in heaven and present that ransom price? The answer is: He could not, for the reason that no man has access to the spiritual realm. (1 Timothy 6:16; 1 Corinthians 15:50) A human creature is confined to earth. Jesus died as a man, but His Father Jehovah God raised Him out of death a *spirit* creature. About this 1 Peter 3:18, *Revised Version*, plainly says: “Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.”

Resurrection of the dead means an awakening out of death and a standing up again to perfect life. The man Jesus was dead and must forever remain dead AS A MAN, to the end that His right to live as a human creature might furnish the redemptive price,

The resurrection of Jesus was up to that time the greatest demonstration of God’s power ever made manifest to man. Jesus’ resurrection was and is a part of God’s great arrangement for man’s deliverance. This being true, it is to be expected that Satan the enemy would do all within his power to prevent the resurrection of Jesus, and failing in that he would do everything possible to blind the people to the truth thereof. It is reasonable to conclude that Satan knew the words of the prophecies. Jesus’ resurrection was anticipated. For the first day after Jesus’ death the Devil and his invisible angels, demons, and probably some of his visible angels, would be celebrating. They would be felicitating one another over the death of Jesus. At the first sober moment, they would recall His words concerning His resurrection. The record is: “Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate

said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."—Matthew 27:62-66.

Satan the enemy knew of Jesus' words to the disciples, and Satan put that thought into the minds of the chief priests and Pharisees. Satan would reason that he would prevent the resurrection of Jesus, if possible, and, failing in this, he would so confuse the minds of the people that they would not believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Satan failed in the first, but he has fairly well succeeded in confusing the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. God has given such abundant proof, however, as to the fact of the resurrection of Jesus that all may know, and all will know when their minds are opened to a proper understanding.

Having received this suggestion from Satan, and having been authorized by Pilate the governor to provide a guard, the clergy hired a guard and put them at the tomb to watch. This guard kept close watch; but in due time there came to the tomb the angel of Jehovah God and rolled back the stone from the door and opened the sepulcher to reveal that it was empty. The guards, greatly frightened by what they saw and heard, hurried to the city to tell the religious clergy that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead.—Matthew 28:1-12.

At once the unholy triumvirate of commercial, political and religious elements called a council, in which they expressed all the wisdom they had, trying to solve their difficulty. After much deliberation the financial part of the trio raised a large sum of money and passed it into the hands of the clergy, and they in turn bribed the guardsmen to lie by instructing them: "Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."—Matthew 28:13-15.

So well did they work this scheme that for over nineteen centuries a major portion of the peoples of earth have not believed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Devil was able to create such a doubt that many have not known whether the Lord Jesus was resurrected or His disciples carried away the body. But, notwithstanding this effort of the enemy, Jehovah saw to it that an abundance of proof was provided, sufficient to satisfy any searcher for truth then or thereafter that He had raised up His beloved Son out of death. The Devil's later effort was to confuse Jesus' resurrection with the demon Easter, "a goddess of the Saxons, or, rather, of the East, *Ester*, in honor of whom sacrifices [were] annually offered about the Passover time of the year (spring)." (McClintock & Strong's *Cyclopedia*) "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to DEMONS, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have communion with demons."—1 Corinthians 10:20, *American Revised Version*.

When God raised Jesus out of death, the great Master did not appear to the religious clergy that they might see Him and be witnesses. Had Jesus done so they would not have told the truth about it. It is to be observed that the Lord never uses wicked ones for His official witnesses. Religionists may talk in His name, but they do so without authority. The Lord chose as witnesses to the resurrection those who had been faithful and those who loved Him, and who resisted the demons.

Social

Child Curiosity



One day a father went out with a child for a walk. They passed beside a big farm by which was set a board with the words, "For Sale."

"Dad," asked the child, "why is that farm for sale?"

"Certainly the owner does not need it," answered the father.

"Dad," asked the child further, "to whom does he want to sell it?"

"To a man who would need it, my child."

The child went into a meditation. A few minutes later they approached to a colony of falling-down barracks, which stood so close to each other that it was hard to pass through them.

"Here it is so tight," said the child, "why do not these people move over to that large farm?"

"That farm does not belong to them, and it is going to be sold," replied the father.

"Then why do they not buy it?" inquired the child.

"Because they have no money."

"But why haven't they got it?"

Father kept silent for a while. "Don't ask so much!" said the weary father.

The child remained silent for a long time. Coming back home by a different way, they approached a palace, before which was hung a large sign board, "To Rent."

The child looked at it, but said nothing. A few steps from the sign, against the wall, slept a very old woman dressed in ragged clothing.

"Why does this woman sleep on the street, and not at home?" now asked the child.

"She has no home!" answered the father.

"Then why does she not go to this large house on the opposite side, as it is vacant?"

"This house is not hers," said the astonished father, "nor is she allowed to enter a stranger's house!"

"Why not?" asked the child, with obstinacy.

"Who would not allow her?"

"The law."

"The law! And who made the law?"

Again the father kept silent for a while.

"You will wear me out with your questions," said he.

They went farther. At the crossing of two streets stood a crowd of people looking at a horse lying there.

"Get up," cried the coachman; "get up, Jack!" But the horse merely lifted his head just a little.

"Get up!" cried the people; "get up!"

But he did not move.

Then the people began to think as to what to do to remove him from the road.

"Dad," said the child, "if all these people would take hold of the horse and help to remove him, the road would be clear; isn't it true?"

Father looked at the large, questioning eyes and smiled.—Translated from the Polish edition of *Consolation*, No. 47.

Learning How to Live

◆ Humanity is slowly learning how to live, just about when it is too late. A boy born in 1901 could expect to live 48½ years, but a boy born in 1939 could expect to live 60½ years. The girls are longer-lived. A girl born in 1901 could expect to live 51 years; but if born in 1939, could expect to live 65 years.

American Housing Record

◆ Irving Brant, editor of the *St. Louis Star*, went abroad to study housing conditions and returned with the information that in Britain a man on \$15 a week earnings can get a house for \$15 a month rent that he could not get in New York city for \$50 a month. One naturally wonders why, and puts the answer up to the Big Business crowd that have the money and are not content with modest returns. He also said that if the United States were to be put up alongside Denmark, Sweden or Finland this entire country would look like one vast slum. He is reported to have said:

You should see the houses built for working people in Scandinavia! They are on a scale, in proportion to population, that makes the public housing program in the United States look about as big as a telephone booth.

That all sounds pessimistic, but is probably the truth. On the other side of the ledger is the fact that last year, in the United States, there were 429,000 new dwelling units constructed in other than farm areas, representing a cost of \$1,550,000,000. That runs at about \$3,600 a unit and indicates a rental of about \$30 a month, as things go in America.

The Anti-Americans

◆ The really powerful assistance that the despots are receiving from this side of the Atlantic comes from those Americans—and their name is legion—who never have known what Americanism is. Into this category one may safely dump the entire membership of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as the German-American Bund, and with these a good many, although not all, members of the D. A. R., of the American Legion and of the National Education Association. And there are plenty of others.—Gerald W. Johnson, in *Baltimore Evening Sun*.

Checking Up on the Beggars

◆ You know about those beggars that come into the world without a stitch to their back and demand and get the best of everything. Well, here are some of the ways now in vogue to keep them from getting lost: footprints, palmprints (on the same sheet with mother's fingerprints), a string of beads bearing letters which spell the child's or parent's name, a metal tag on the mother's wrist, with a duplicate tag on the baby's wrist, and finally the suntanning of the baby's name through perforated tape on the baby's back.



"The Middle Ages"



The Middle Ages is one out of about 150 school textbooks published by Laidlaw Brothers that is bound to do a lot of damage to any teacher compelled to teach it or to any child compelled to study it. It is written in such a way as to be entirely submissive and subservient to the Roman Catholic Church, and to make it appear that that evil institution, instead of being earth's greatest curse, is its greatest blessing. It is probably the work of Jesuits.

One reason for thinking that the book must have been prepared under Jesuit influences is that under the heading "The Reformation" the section devoted to Henry the Eighth and the Church of England is compressed into eight lines but it takes four pages to tell about the Jesuits, though nothing is said about the fact that this order was suppressed by Pope Clement XIV, and the Jesuits have on six occasions been expelled from France, five times expelled by Britain, five times by Spain, three times by The Netherlands and by Russia, twice each by Belgium, Portugal, and Paraguay, once each by Japan, Hungary, Denmark, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Germany, and, on thirty-nine other occasions, from various cities, provinces, colleges, islands and states, including the Papal States themselves (March 29, 1848).

It should not be overlooked that Pope Clement XIV, who suppressed the order, was himself educated by the Jesuits. *The Encyclopædia Britannica* explains:

Whether from principle or policy he proceeded with great circumspection in the suppression of the Jesuits, the decree to this effect not being framed until November 1772, and not signed until July in the following year. This memorable measure, which takes rank in history as the most remarkable, perhaps the only really substantial, concession ever made by a Pope to the spirit of his age, has covered Clement's memory with obloquy in his own communion. There can not be any rea-

sonable doubt of the integrity of his conduct, and the only question is whether he acted from a conviction of the pernicious character of the Society of Jesus, or merely from a sense of expediency. In either case his action was abundantly justified, and to allege that though beneficial to the world it was detrimental to the church, is merely to insist that the interests of the Papacy are not the interests of mankind. His work was hardly accomplished ere Clement, whose natural constitution was exceedingly vigorous, fell into a languishing sickness, generally and plausibly attributed to poison. [Regular policy of the gang.—Ed.]

Pictures Tell the Story

The book is beautifully gotten up. Its appearance would be a credit to any publisher, and with the orange and dark-blue lines at the top and bottom of each page, and the numerous pictures scattered through it, and the maps, the normal child would be bound to be interested and delighted. That makes the book all the more dangerous to lovers of liberty and truth.

There are pictures and maps on 120 of the 406 pages that go to make up the book; and as pictures leave a more lasting impression than words, on the child mind and on the mind of adults too, they may be considered somewhat as to their objective. That objective is to convince the child that "Our Developing Civilization" [the subtitle of the book] is developing along the lines of religion, and that the more religion is put into it, the better; and that the best of all religions is the Roman Catholic religion.

The maps are not so badly infected. The pope's triple crown and keys appear on one; Charlemagne praying in front of a huge cross, just before he goes out to murder those that will not submit to being baptized, is on another; a third one is a muezzin lifting his blood-stained hands to Allah; but there are nine other good maps that could not be criticized. Proportion of religious maps, 25 percent.

There are 19 full-page illustrations or pages of pictures. One of these is of the Rheims cathedral; another shows a churchman, a high ecclesiastic, standing back of King John and compelling him to sign the Magna Charta; a third is a monk acting as physician to an ailing child; a fourth is a reproduction of the work of a monk, showing the virgin Mary introducing the child Jesus to the doctors of the law in the temple (despite the fact that she did not know where he was at the time); a priest is shown on the very first page of

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illustrations in the book; Jesus blessing children is shown on one page; another shows a muezzin calling Mohammedans to prayer; in another page scene a priest is standing by to bless a vassal when he kneels before his lord; one full page is devoted to a beautiful imaginary illustration of a monastery; there is a full-page picture of Joan of Arc, sainted because she was demonized—heard spirit voices. That makes ten out of the 19 full-page pictures either with a religious motif or with religious features. That is 52.6 percent of the most important pictures in the book.

Will that have the effect of impressing religion on the child mind as being the most important thing in life? It is intended to accomplish that very thing, and is not at all badly planned to do so.

Misleading the Children

To mislead a child by causing it to reverence superstition and error and the teachings of men instead of the Word of the true and living God is to do one of the most reprehensible things a human creature can do.

There are 90 less-than-full-page illustrations in the book, most of them excellent and instructive; some of them not so. There is a large-sized picture of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, in bed, reading the lives of the saints; a picture of a Jesuit priest in China; a picture of the pope putting the crown on the head of Charlemagne; a picture of the pope crowning another king; a priest teaching school; a monk, with a cross conspicuously delineated; a monk inviting travelers into a monastery; a monk feeding the birds, to show his interest in all living creatures; a priest ringing a mission bell; Charlemagne approving plans for a great cathedral; a picture of Christ before Pilate; one of Constan-

tine accepting Christianity; one of King Clovis and his wife, each holding a big crucifix; one of Mohammed thinking about religion; one of Mohammedans fighting for religion; one of a squire kneeling in prayer in a stained-glass-window church; one of a churchman reading the first summons to parliament; one of Joan of Arc tending her father's sheep;

one of Henry the Fourth waiting out in the cold in the snow for three days to get an audience with the pope; one of Peter the Hermit organizing a "crusade"—the foreing of the religion of the cross on the heathen; one of the crusaders en route to the Holy Land; one of the crusade of the children, being led to their doom by religion; a picture of the madonna; a picture of Luther nailing up his theses on the door of the Wittenburg church; a picture of the pilgrims going to church; and something that came mighty near being overlooked altogether—a very delicate side-stepping of the whole



Says the retiring invisible empire to its successor

Inquisition horror. That makes 26 religious pictures out of 90, and comes to 28.9 percent.

So, then, out of a total of 120 pictures and maps there are 39 that have religion mixed up with them; that is 32.5 percent of the total, and it would be fair to assume that the motive in the preparation of the book was at least 32.5 percent religious, away from God, toward men, and not in the interest of the children temporally or eternally.

Now About the Reading Matter

The reading matter is at least as religious as the pictures. There are 14 pages about "The Beginning of a New Religion", supposedly Christianity. Midway is a picture of one of the early popes or priests, standing in front of a huge cross; he is preaching in the Cata-

SEVEN LIES IN TWENTY-THREE LINES

A Kingdom publisher living in France sent the dispatch from a French newspaper here reproduced. The censor cut out twenty-five lines, as shown but in the 23 lines which remain, there are seven lies, after the best practice of the Roman Hierarchy racket. The translation reads:

"A secret society, 'The Knights of the Watchtower', has been formed in northern France. Founded by foreigners, and placed under a false religious appearance, it taught the most absolute defeatism. Lille 27 October, (message in Petit Parisien.) A judicial inquiry has just been opened against certain foreigners in the region of Lens who had formed a secret society whose object was to demoralize the French and Polish populations. This society had taken as title 'The Knights of the Watchtower.' [The 25 lines cut out by the censor then follow.] Other arrests will follow. Mons. Leriche, police magistrate at Bethune, has been appointed to settle this affair.

UNE SOCIÉTÉ SECRÈTE "LES CHEVALIERS DE LA TOUR DE GARDE" AVAIT ÉTÉ CRÉÉE DANS LE NORD DE LA FRANCE

Fondée par des étrangers et placée sous un signe faussement religieux elle enseignait le défaitisme le plus absolu

Lille, 27 oct. (dép. Petit Parisien.) Une information judiciaire vient d'être divulguée contre des étrangers de la région de Lens qui avaient constitué une société secrète dont le but était de démoraliser les populations française et polonaise de cette région. Cette société avait pris pour titre « les Chevaliers de la Tour de Garde »

D'autres arrestations suivront. M. Leriche, juge d'instruction à Bethune, a été désigné pour suivre cette affaire.

combs; he has a cross on his vestments. The next to last paragraph states that Peter was "the first bishop of the church at Rome", which is untrue, and the last paragraph is about the pope and devoted to the theme that "in time the term 'Pope' came to mean the Roman bishop only". Clever work on the part of the writers and against the children; is it not?

There are 20 pages about monks and monasteries. These contain 3½ pages about "Saint" Benedict, who thus occupies in the book a little more than the space given to Jesus of Nazareth. This will help the child assess the relative value of the two. The concluding picture in this section says, "The monks helped their fellow men in many ways, and they were kind to all living creatures." Bully monks.

There are 21 pages about the Crusades. In the moralizing which starts this section off

Almighty God is charged with the raids of the barbarians who pillaged "Christian" countries. All the Crusaders had to have a cross on forehead or breast. The crimes committed by the Crusaders constitute one of the worst records of all time. The book *The Middle Ages* merely vaguely hints at this. One form of praise is the condemnation of an evil thing with a faint condemnation, smiling while you do it. It takes an artist to do that, but it is done right along.

There are 22 pages about The Reformation, and when the student has finished this chapter, winding up, as it does, with 4½ pages of fulsome praise of the Roman Catholic "Church" and particularly the Jesuits, the natural result in his mind is that he thinks that on the whole this period is one of real glory to the church, and that while a few individuals at times did a little something off-color, yet the institution as a whole was and is A-1.

About the Inquisition



Oh yes! About the Inquisition. Did you ever hear of that worst of blots on the record of humanity, wherein some 50,000,000 human creatures suffered at the hands of the worst fiends the earth ever knew? You are in luck. You got your education before *The Middle Ages* was published. It is not even mentioned in the six-page index of this oh-so-valuable work on history for children.

But don't think the child is to be left without any impression on this subject. He is left with an impression, but it is a false one. On page 199 is a picture of a man walking blindfolded over a floor covered with red-hot plowshares. Under the picture it says, "If he burned himself on the hot plowshares, he was declared guilty." A bishop and five priests witness the performance, but the scene is sandwiched into a chapter on "Trial by Jury". There is nothing said about the Inquisition; but the child sees the picture and the context and gathers the impression that it had something to do with trial by jury, and does not have any conception of the fierceness, the devilishness, the beastliness, the inhumanity back of the whole infernal thing.

In one of the nonreligious chapters, on pages 244-251 inclusive, the writer seemed to fear he had not said enough about the pope; so he got down to business and men-

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tioned that gentleman 37 times in the eight pages. He went to bat for him 11 times on one page.

In Illinois, where this textbook for children is used in the public schools, one of Jehovah's witnesses resigned as a teacher rather than be a party to poisoning the minds of the children by teaching from *The Middle Ages*, "Our Developing Civilization," by McClure, Scheek, Wright; Laidlaw Brothers, Publishers, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Dallas, Atlanta.

Slop from Hollywood

◆ The Associated Press carried as news a dispatch from Hollywood that "Bryan Foy, who used to be one of the Seven Little Foy's, is looking for movie stories which have Catholic priests in featured roles". The interesting thing about this propaganda is not that the priests are heroed in everything that comes out of Hollywood nowadays, to the disgust of millions of Americans who have no use for their racket, but that The Associated Press would carry such a patent advertisement of the Hierarchy as "news".

Cates Wants to Know

◆ Referring to Roosevelt's appointment of his own personal ambassador to the pope the "Reverend" J. Elmer Cates, of Calvary Methodist church, the Bronx, wants to know whom Myron C. Taylor represents and whom the president represents. Of course, nobody should be sarcastic, but Mr. Cates leans that way when he says, according to the New York *Herald Tribune*:

And who is the president representing? Presumably the American people, part of whom are 100,000,000 Protestants and 5,000,000 Jews. Has there been any demand on the part of this overwhelming majority of our people to have the pope represent them?

Taylor Wants More Religion

◆ Religion, the guidance of mankind by human tradition and human great ones instead of by the Word of God and its truly great Author, makes a great hit with the humans who take themselves seriously. Thus Myron C. Taylor, the pro-Fascist ambassador of Roosevelt to the pope, after his appointment, said:

I am doubly pleased that the opportunity comes through the field of religion, that great cornerstone on which civilization and man's dearest hopes for the future have and must rest if human destiny is to achieve its ultimate triumph over the forces of evil.

We Put It Over—Didn't We?

◆ Eugene Pacelli, at present holding down the job of pope of Rome, feels that he and Franklin D. put it over on the American people in pretty good shape in the appointment of Myron C. Taylor, of the Steel Trust, as Roosevelt's private ambassador to the Vatican. In his letter to Roosevelt (which it took him only fifteen days to write, after he knew all about the appointment) he follows his usual custom of smearing ink on paper with hundreds of words where six words would do as well. It isn't convenient to tell Eugene too much about how to run his business, but if he wants to get to first base in these days he can't spend too much time chatting with the umpire after he has swatted the ball. The best thing he can do is to gather up his skirts and beat it for the bag like Paavo Nurmi or Jesse Owens when they are in a hurry.

His papers (published in London) admit that it took years for Mundelein and others to crowd Roosevelt into doing this, and he came to it only when he realized he must. It comes with rather bad grace, then, for Eugene himself to say that America's "Chief Magistrate of the great North American federation, under the spell of the holy night of Christmas should have taken such a prominent

This, from the Santa Barbara, California, News-Press betrays an unkind disposition on the part of the paper and an attempt to belittle generosity and benevolence. The Jews were obligated to the law, to submit to it, to turn the cheek to it, but in this case Gierman could legally and Scripturally have asked for justice, the cost of filing a complaint, employing an attorney, serving the necessary papers, time lost from witnessing, damages to property, and incidental losses.

Paul once reproved a judge upon the bench for causing him to be smitten unjustly and Jesus Christ demanded to know of an officer why the man illegally struck him. See Acts 23:3 and John 18:23.

Damage Suit Asks But \$4.40

M. J. Donnelly, of 1335 Bath street, didn't take kindly to the Christian message William J. Gierman carried to him one day in June and as a result he is a defendant today in a justice court lawsuit.

Gierman only asks \$4.40 damages and it cost him a fee of \$5 to file his complaint, besides at least another dollar to serve the papers, to say nothing of the expense of engaging an attorney, Weston E. Learned.

Gierman, in his complaint, filed yesterday in Justice Wagner's court, says he was engaged in a peaceful Christian mission last June 28. Going from house to house spreading the gospel, he stopped at Donnelly's home.

When he attempted to present his appeal to Donnelly the latter, according to the complaint, became angry and in his rage seized two portable bookcases Gierman carried and threw them to the ground. Also, Gierman alleges, Donnelly threw a recording machine, with two records, on the ground and cracked the records.

Gierman didn't turn the other cheek. He hired a lawyer.

Pupils Move—but Won't Salute Flag

Bay View Split on Issue; Youngsters Now Attend School at Sumas

By Curtis Allan

Because they refuse to salute the Stars and Stripes in school, two children of the little city of Bay View in Skagit County have been exiled to another community, far from their home.

This was revealed yesterday in the wake of a controversy that has rent Bay View for months and drawn the attention of state and county officials to one of the strangest cases in years.

And the answer of Dorothy and Eugene Wade still is:

"We pay homage only to God."

PREFER EXILE TO SALUTE

"Bunch"—as Eugene is called by his family—and Dorothy are living among strangers now to attend Sumas public school where they are not required to salute the flag. They prefer exile from home and parents to betrayal of their faith by saluting the flag.

Just a little over a year ago, New Year 1939, fourteen-year-old Dorothy and her brother, twelve, climbed the hill to the two-room Bay View school house as usual.

When their schoolmates rose to give the weekly flag exercises, Bunch and Dorothy stayed in their seats. This was not the first time this had happened. But the local school board had met and decided that under school laws, flag saluting was compulsory.

TWO STICK TO BELIEF

Principal Paul Homan asked the two children to salute the flag.

"It is against our beliefs," they replied firmly.

"Go home until you are ready to salute the flag," the principal ordered them.

Seven other Bay View children belonging to the same society—Jehovah's Witnesses—had declared it was against their beliefs, too. Threatened expulsion, provided under the school code, for refusal to pledge allegiance, had overruled their objections.

"Bunch" and Dorothy climbed the hill many times, but they still refused to salute the flag. The principal was equally as insistent they could not return to school until they had agreed to do so.

Around the stove in Jorgenson's store while villagers waited for the daily mail to be distributed, they discussed the "situation." On Sundays after church let out, Bay Viewites lingered on the steps to exchange views on "should they salute the flag, or shouldn't they."

HIRE SPECIAL TEACHER

In the meantime the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wade, hired a Hamilton high school graduate—a girl who belonged to their faith—to board and room with them and teach Bunch and Dorothy their subjects.

... And the "flag-saluting" problem just simmered, got talked about, remained deadlocked on both sides until school was out.

When the children were not allowed to reenter school when it took up again last fall—unless they agreed to salute "Old Glory"—

Wade wrote G. W. Hamilton, state attorney general.

The attorney general sent the school board a letter containing his interpretation of the situation:

"I am loath to believe your (school) board would intentionally violate the constitution of



STUDYING IN "EXILE"—Dorothy and Eugene Wade catch up on homework after being out of school more than a year. They refused to salute the flag.

the United States and of the state of Washington. I am also aware of the fact that a board of school directors is not expected to construe the law, especially in a case like this where one statute conflicts with another," Hamilton wrote.

In his opinion the attorney general cited a case tried by the United States district court of Pennsylvania which decided:

"Individuals have the right not only to entertain any religious belief, but also to do or refrain

from doing any act, on conscientious grounds, which does not prejudice the safety, morals, property, or personal rights of the people, and the individual concerned must be the judge of the validity of his own religious beliefs.

"Our beloved flag, the emblem of religious liberty, apparently has been used as an instrument to impose a religious test as a condition for receiving the benefits of public education. And this has been done without compelling necessity of public safety or welfare," the court decided.

The statute requiring a pupil to salute the flag is invalid and unconstitutional, Attorney General Hamilton declared.

CITIZENS HOLD MEETING

Raymond D. Hoyt, Bay View School board president, and also a lawyer, was not so sure of the attorney general's opinion. So the school board took two actions:

Richard Welts, county prosecuting attorney, was asked for an opinion of the attorney general's opinion.

A town meeting was called to see if the citizens of Bay View could iron out the controversy, once and for all, by themselves.

Long before the meeting began the schoolhouse was filled. Board President Hoyt acted as chairman. Residents who had not been in the school house since they had been pupils were there.

"I fought overseas under the flag. I sure don't believe a couple of stubborn kids ought to be allowed to insult 'her' now," one man rose to say.

A woman rose to the children's defense.

"Well, flag salute or no flag salute, these children ought to be in school," she said.

MISS THEIR PARENTS

Back and forth the discussion went, growing more heated, ending with the issue still as far from settlement as ever.

"Bunch" and Dorothy are back in school—in another county.

"It's lonesome without Mom and Dad, but I never figured I'd be so glad to be going to school again," "Bunch" said, speaking for both his sister and himself.

Score one for the P-I for this good front-page write-up.

place in the vanguard of those who would promote peace", etc., etc. Pacelli knows that this appointment has not the slightest reference to a desire for peace. It was a swap between two politicians; nothing more, nothing less.

Pacelli's words, words and more words about Roosevelt's "far-seeing statesmanship" and that "only he" could know what to do in this pinch because he "unites with high political power a clear understanding of the voice of humanity" are all pure buncombe. His words that "only men of such moral stature will be able to create the peace" are pure flattery, and as for the "providential help",

if he had wanted to tell the truth, or wanted Franklin to tell it, he could have left that out. Why have his papers publish the truth in London that this deal has been in contemplation for years, and then let the cat out of the bag that the only reason something was doing, away down at the end of Franklin's seventh year, was that he wanted to be re-elected. He wasn't "under the spell of the holy night of Christmas" when he appointed Taylor. He was up against the need of Catholic votes if he wanted to get back in a third time. That's all there was to it.

(To be continued)

"Onward Christian [?] Soldiers"

One Reason for Big Armies

◆ A standing military force, with an overgrown executive, will not long be safe companions for liberty. The means of defense against foreign danger have been always the instruments of tyranny at home. Among the Romans it was a standing maxim to excite war whenever a revolt was apprehended. Throughout all Europe, the armies kept up under the pretext of defending have enslaved the people. It is perhaps questionable whether the best concerted system of absolute power in Europe could maintain itself in a situation where no alarms of external danger could tame the people to the domestic yoke.—James Madison, fourth president of the United States.

Uncle Sam Is Motorizing

◆ Uncle Sam is motorizing. Troops will no longer march to battle. They will ride. The trucks will carry ten soldiers each and walk right up a 65-percent grade. The guns will follow on heavier trucks, but all able to make 45 miles an hour. A traveling garage goes along, to make necessary repairs. The ambulances carry ten sitting cases or four stretcher cases. In case of necessity these armies go "cross lots" in any weather.

The First World War

- ◆ 10,000,000 known dead soldiers.
- 6,000,000 reported missing, about half of them dead.
- 20,000,000 or more wounded.
- 28,000,000 civilians dead from disease, famine, pestilence.
- 9,000,000 war orphans.
- 5,000,000 war widows.

10,000,000 rendered homeless (refugees).
130,128 American soldiers were killed in battle, or died from other causes.
Millionaires: 1914, 7,500. 1918, 25,000.
Net profits of 18 leading U. S. Corporations: 1912-14, \$74,650,000. 1916-18, \$337,000,000.
Net profits, E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.: 1914-18 \$225,500,000.

—From a handbill distributed in Seattle.



Patrioteers present arms

You May Not Love Smedley Butler

◆ You may not love Major-General Smedley D. Butler, but you cannot help but understand him. Thus, in a speech at Boston, he is reported to have said:

France and Great Britain are shadow-boxing on the western front, probably waiting for the United States to get in the war and fight their battles. The British and French armies are like a thin woman with a bustle—all parading and no form.

Sacrificed to the Devil

◆ The number of men sacrificed to the Devil in submarines is a

mere nothing as compared with the millions offered to Moloch in the World War; nevertheless 750 brave men have been drowned like rats in a trap in submarines in the last 35 years, and this number does not include those who died in the World War.

The Butcher Donates a Mosque

◆ Franco the Butcher, betrayer of the Spanish Republic, and "blessed" by the pope for so doing, presented a new mosque to the Mohammedans of Ceuta, Morocco, in recognition of the fact that the pope could not have won this war over his own subjects without their aid.

Jehovah's witnesses Are Anti-Fascist



Every reader of WATCHTOWER literature knows that Jehovah's Kingdom publishers are the most aggressive anti-Fascist group on earth. There is nothing for which they entertain greater hatred or contempt, because this beastly combination of the Roman Hierarchy and utter godlessness is the "abomination that maketh desolate". Hence it is amusing and not a little exasperating that in many cities, as in Hamilton, Ontario, the police headquarters was flooded with telephone calls that Fascists were in the city when Jehovah's witnesses there were distributing *Fascism or Freedom*. The police had intelligence enough to see at once that the books are anti-Fascist and that there is nothing in them that could hurt anybody but the Devil and those that have the spirit of the Devil.

Remarkable Escape of Two Canadians

◆ Sailing along at thirty miles an hour over the surface of Rainy lake, in a truck, the ice broke and down went the truck and two occupants thirty feet to the bottom of the lake. They managed to get out, swam to the top in the dark, felt around and finally found the hole through which they had plunged. One got out, dragged the other out, and then they both walked two miles to a place where they got an automobile ride four miles into town. Tough as pine knots, neither one felt any ill effects the next day.

Breasts of Snowbirds

◆ Two weeks in every year snowbirds appear in the isle of Orleans, off the Quebec coast. Just before the visit of the king and queen 30 men were sent to the island, where they snared 2,750 of these rare creatures. When the Quebec government feasted their royal majesties, each guest at the banquet was given a patty made up of 8 breasts of these birds. It seems as if the birds could have been spared.

Canada's Amphibious Moose

◆ It seems quite well established that in the far Canadian north there is a moose that is amphibious and able to live and feed on the lake bottoms in the dead of winter when heavy ice completely covers the surface.

On Caughnawaga Reservation

◆ On Caughnawaga Indian reservation, outside Montreal, in December, there were persons in the Indian hospital who were not Indians and had no right there; the Quebec Liquor Commission delivered liquor to the reservation when it had no legal right to do so; the water on the reservation is polluted and unfit to drink; the tribal fires are smokeless because there is not enough wood on the reservation to heat the houses; many of the Indians were starving.—Condensed from the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.

Salvation Army in Guelph

◆ Brigadier Wallace Bunton, of the London corps of the Salvation Army, was the speaker at a military rally at Guelph, Canada, a few weeks after Chamberlain agreed to throw Czechoslovakia to the wolves. Bunton showed his great love for his fellow men, and his desire for their salvation, by saying that if any of them are not satisfied to live under the Union Jack,

then the only thing to do is to load them all into a boat with a false bottom and take them into the middle of the ocean and then it will be all over.

For Entering His Own Home

◆ For breaking the padlocks on his own home a British subject was given two years in prison in Quebec. Under the Padlock Law the attorney general of Quebec may padlock any house in which he suspects Communism is being taught. And the worst of it is that all efforts to insist that Communism be defined have been in vain, and the persons who thrust this infamous law on decent people have admitted that they do not want it defined—so that they can close any home they see fit, and keep hands off the purely Communistic monasteries.

Glacier Crash in Banff Park

◆ Glacier crashes have occasionally been seen by man, and are among the greatest spectacles ever seen by human eyes. No one saw it, but there was a magnificent glacier fall in Banff National Park, Alberta. For two weeks prior to the fall the glacier on Mount Hector had been seen hanging over Molar creek. After its fall it was found to have moved two miles and to have covered the valley with ice 200 feet thick.

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Eskimos Migrating Northward



The magnetic pole of the earth is located near the line of 70 degrees north latitude and 97 degrees west longitude, at a point 1,433 miles due north of Winnipeg and 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Eskimos of lands far to the south are now coming into these northern zones to live, encouraged by better food supplies and also by more favorable climatic conditions than formerly prevailed. They even tried to make themselves at home on Devon island, 400 miles farther north, but found that even a little too much for Eskimos. After two years of it they were glad to be moved (by the Canadian government) 300 miles farther south.

Papal Crests on Telegraph Blanks

◆ Understanding that papal crests appear on Canadian National and Canadian Pacific telegram sheets, *Consolation* would appreciate having samples sent in to this office, and, it need hardly be added, would appreciate enthusiastic co-operation by all readers in every part of the world, in sending in clippings, articles or photographs on any subject whatever likely to be of general interest to all. Do not expect someone else to do what you should do yourself.

Another Trace of Viking Penetration

◆ Traces of the viking penetration of North America five hundred years before Christopher Columbus allegedly "planted the cross of Christ" on American shores have been found in Minnesota, in the Hudson Bay region, and in various places in Nova Scotia and New England. A grave was accidentally opened by a powder blast at Beardmore, Ontario, recently, and in it were found various Norse weapons such as were in common use a thousand years ago.

If You Wish to See Gannets

◆ If you wish to see gannets and other seabirds, follow the 10,000 tourists that went last year to Percé Rock and Bonaventure island off the Gaspé coast, 400 miles east of Quebec, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. The sides of Percé Rock rise 300 feet and are pierced by a natural passageway 80 feet in span, through which small boats pass. Gaspé can be reached either by rail or by water. The birds can be seen and photographed without disturbing them.

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"Something Worth Boasting About"

◆ The periodical *Labor* draws attention to the fact that in 1913 Ontario recorded 64,516 births, of whom 7,596 died, but last year out of a total of 65,375 births only 3,244 died. It thinks, and rightly, that this is "something worth boasting about" in an era when there is such a mania for rearmament and war and when there is so little regard for the lives of human creatures as to make the destruction of food needed by millions a common thing. Saving lives at one end and destroying them wantonly at the other isn't getting humanity very far.

Newfoundland Tragedy

◆ While in many countries food is being burned or otherwise destroyed, a quarter of the population of Newfoundland live in abject poverty, receiving a dole of 6c a day for adults and 3c for children. In the coldest weather they have nothing but rags to cover them. The Kingdom of God is the only hope for a world so miserably ruled.

Two Convents Burn in One Night

◆ The burning of convents in Canada continues. Two firetraps, one at St. Barthelemy and one at Stoneham, both in the province of Quebec, disappeared in flames. Within twenty hours thereafter the Beauport, Quebec, insane asylum, operated by the grey nuns, also went up.

Canadians Good Neighbors

◆ Americans and Canadians are such good neighbors that in the year 1938 there were 17,568,467 pedestrians and passengers in vehicles crossing the Ontario-United States boundary via the facilities provided by international bridge, tunnel and ferry companies.

Personal Messages by Radio

◆ The radio performs a great service in Canada by sending thousands of brief personal messages to prospectors and fur traders hundreds of miles away from any postal service. A check-up shows that most of these messages are received O.K.

Tobacco in Canada

◆ If you are interested in your fellow men you will be interested and surprised and pained to know that in Canada there was a crop of almost 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco harvested in 1938.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Britain Snowbound

● Two weeks after a series of unusually heavy snowstorms, and with (for Britain) very low temperatures, the people were allowed to know what had happened. The snow and the cold were general, but beyond that mails were very late, and the long-distance trains were either not running or were a very long time in their trips; there was no general knowledge of the hardships to which the midlands and the northern parts were put. Food and coal supplies got to very low proportions in many places, and the country generally has had a hard time. It is now said that Britain has had the most severe weather and the lowest temperatures for well-nigh 100 years. In this land, with its short distances between towns, and its excellent transport facilities, there is no provision made for these visitations which occur once or twice in a century; so, apart from the personal troubles, the great manufacturing concerns have been held up or greatly hindered.

Britain's experience has been common to all the higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere, though surely shorter than that of many other lands. Except in Finland, where Russia has shown its haste to occupy the country, the cold weather has held up the war activities on land. In France and Germany, where the armies of the Allies and the Germans face each other, the battle has not yet been joined. These armies seem about as stuck as were the armies of Israel and the Philistines in the war which God settled through young David. Whether this unusual cold in these northern latitudes is just a happening or is one of the forces which the Creator is using to affect the issues, we may not know. We may know, however, that the events in the earth and the quarrels among the nations at this time are inside the purpose of God; for the day of His judgments is come. Men and nations may make their moves, but the end comes on. The work of Jehovah's witnesses telling the peoples of the earth of the purpose of God to bring the nations before

Him, according to the prophecies He caused to be written for this very time, is now known throughout the earth. The war, whether on Britain's part in the declaration of seeking freedom for the peoples from the aggression which has brought such death-dealing destruction on the continent of Europe, or on Germany's part in resisting the Allies, is hastening that gathering of the peoples to face the facts of His judgments. In the meantime, while the great armies are in a condition of stalemate, the war in the air and under the sea, and the difficulties of seaborne transport, are hitting the nations in their vitals.

Evacuation of Children

● The pin seems to have come out of the Government's scheme for the evacuation of children from the cities and towns which are considered most liable to bombing. To the Birmingham education committee figures were reported which show the breakdown of the scheme in that city. Of the number of children taken out to areas considered safe, only about 9,000 have remained; which, says the report, means that 93 percent of elementary school children are in the city and are without the necessary teachers. This condition in Birmingham is by no means unique; rather it is typical. As the Government has not moved to bring the teachers back, not yet submitting to the parental forces against them, the majority of the teachers are yet in the country small towns and villages. In one instance a report showed that there were 16 teachers for 43 children. It was a great scheme for the protection of the young, but it has come unstuck, probably in great measure because the feared bombs have not come.

"Impartial Justice"

● High over the dome of the Central Criminal Courts in London is a figure of a woman, blindfold, holding the scales of justice in equal balance. Impartial justice is represented, telling that in the courts below the persons brought to trial, perhaps with the death penalty a consequence of an adverse sentence, no other consideration than that of a true judgment without fear or favor to accuser or accused will be given. No doubt it is true that in the British courts, whether in the criminal or in civil actions, there is always the intention to proceed to and give a true judgment. In the civil cases, where case law so frequently determines a judgment, there is often a question of its

rightness; but the reputation of the judges for honesty is not brought into question. The same applies to the criminal courts and its judgments. There is now no possibility of a recurrence of the "bloody assizes" of Judge Jeffreys marked by the judge's relentless cruelty and his manifested eagerness to pass the death sentence on those accused of participating in the Monmouth rebellion.

But it is not every person who, having the responsibility of conducting a judicial inquiry, is guided by the example of the higher courts. The smaller the man, the more likely he will want to expand himself. In the tribunal to try the cases of the conscientious objectors in the Newcastle district, the chairman of the court, the judge (Richardson) whose observations about the young men known as Jehovah's witnesses called forth the rebuking remarks from the bishop of Birmingham, has continued to manifest his unbelief in their sincerity, and has, as one thinks, shown his partiality towards his own prejudices. Differing from every other court the Newcastle court has not allowed one of Jehovah's witnesses to remain on the register of conscientious objectors to war and to work for the advance of the war. The judge of the Newcastle court had an objection to the statement in the "testimony" card which all Jehovah's witnesses use in their work of preaching the gospel from house to house. The card says the bearer is an ordained minister of Jehovah God, to preach the gospel of God's kingdom under Christ, and is an accredited agent of the Society in whose work he has a part. The clergy in all the religious sections claim the right of ordination to the ministry of the gospel of the Kingdom, and this is the word which designates entrance into the closest form of 'trades unionism' on the face of the earth. The word is, of course, Scriptural and is properly used by the Society in its commission to have the Gospel preached in all the world. No human authority may reserve to itself the right to limit the freedom to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, nor is there any truth whatever in the claim of the churches to give the status of "minister" to any person, nor is there any value in their laying on of hands designating a person is ordained. But this close corporation is necessary to the system of the human government in the churches, and is strongly supported by men such as this chairman of the Newcastle tribunal, spoken of in the Scriptures as the principal of

the flock of the false shepherds.—Jeremiah 25: 34, 35.

A "Red" Dean

● The Church of England is like the Papal church in its priestly characteristics, but its form of government (episcopalian) prevents it from becoming a totalitarian organization as Rome is. Its bishops are as princes in their diocese and cannot easily be deposed from their little kingdom even though they say and do things which are quite out of agreement with the prayer book (which is as a Bible authority in the church), or even express disagreement with the 39 Articles which state the beliefs and the practices of the church. The bishop rules the churches in his diocese, and the parsons in that diocese may not exchange service with those of another except by the consent of the bishops. The bishop is a prince in his kingdom. Much the same kind of rule is enjoyed by the deans of the various cathedrals. The cathedral is placed under the control of the dean, and clergy other than those who are appointed to conduct its services may not be allowed there to serve except by the consent of the dean; and this applies to bishops and to the two archbishops also.

The "red dean" is the dean of Canterbury. He is very "red", not only in that he is a believer in communism as a theory, for he is an ardent admirer of the Soviet and its government, and even of Stalin. The dean will share the platform at Communists' meetings, advocating that form of government. Since Soviet Russia has made the attack on Finland, shocking the world by this cruel aggression with its death-dealing terrors, the dean has published a book extolling the Soviet. He contrasts the conditions of England with those of free Russia to the advantage of the nationals of Russia, and of Stalin he says, "Stalin is no oriental despot. His new Constitution shows it. His readiness to relinquish power shows it. His refusal to add to the power he already possesses shows it." No doubt the dean had written his laudation before the outrage on Finland began; but he has caused it to be published since then. The dean must make the dignitaries of the church of England see red; but he holds on to his job, at £2,000 a year, and there is no power to put him out of it because of his political beliefs or acts. The archbishop of Canterbury probably feels a bit red when he has to arrange with the "red" dean about the services, and in that the cathe-

dral which gives them both their title shelters so radically minded a dignitary of the church. No doubt the pope and his cabinet take a little pleasure out of this rather awkward situation of the archbishop, a situation which would be impossible under Papacy's totalitarian rule.

Blind and Dull of Hearing

● One of the "very reverend" of the English Roman Catholic fathers, preaching in their cathedral in Westminster, said, "The whole of Christianity stands or falls by the [religionists'] claim that Christ is part of the trinity." He concluded his remarks by quoting the last words of the twentieth chapter of the gospel of John: "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name." This "very reverend father" also told his audience that Jesus was crucified because He said He was God. In saying that he lines up with the Pharisees and the leaders of religion who caused Jesus to be killed. Jesus spoke of himself as the son of God, and, in dispute with the Jews, said, "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God," and He told them what He meant by saying He and His Father were one. He was doing the works of His Father, as they had to admit, "that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him." (See John 10: 29-39.) That Jesus had and has a unique relationship with God, the Creator, and because of His fidelity to His Father's commission is made Lord of all, has a place at the Father's right hand, is the revelation of God concerning Him, and further disclosed both by His own words to His disciples when with them, and afterwards by the instruction they received from Him through the holy spirit. Words could not be plainer in their intent than those given in the Scriptures. The Jews were ready to kill Jesus because He said He was the son of God, and today the leaders of religion are ready to destroy the witnesses of Jehovah, faithful disciples of Jesus, because they say openly that the dogma of the trinity, which makes Jesus God the son, is wholly contrary to the Scriptures and must be accounted as a blasphemy against the name of the Living God, the Father of Jesus. The fact is that the dogmas of the churches were moulded into shape to

build up a religious system; have been promulgated for that purpose; have been and are retained to maintain these organizations. They were never intended as helps to the understanding of the Scriptures and of the purposes of God therein revealed. The perversions of the sacred writings by the Jews prevented them from receiving the truth when Jesus came, and brought about the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the nation. History in this is being repeated: the same conditions are present, but on a world-wide scale, and the same results are in sight.

More Foolishness

● In that same center of Roman Catholicism, the Westminster cathedral, the same reverend, who is Superior of the Roman Catholic missionary society, likened the Nazi and Soviet aggression on Poland to a serpent, and added, "No armies could crush the serpent. Only the mother of God could." The pope claims to be the viceregent of Christ, and ought to be able to crush any serpent. The "father" seems to have talked somewhat at random, for he went on to say, "We Catholics have such immense power, if we could only use it. Power with God. We are God's own people, and in a sense, we make God act. . . . And if you and I have power with God, what about Our Lady, the mother of God—whose heel is upon the serpent's head?" To stamp on this serpent "belongs to the mother of God. And she will, if we ask with the faith that removes mountains". The reverend went on to put some words in the mouth of Jesus, as if spoken by Him when He was crucified, making Jesus say to His followers concerning Mary His mother, "Pray to her, and you pray to me. Honor her and you honor me." This priest spoke what the Roman Catholic church teaches in this dishonoring of Christ; but the worship of Mary has been a great asset to that God-dishonoring system. To those who are enlightened by the Word of God, and who know the truth concerning God and Christ, and are servants in the great Theocratic kingdom, these things seem almost too foolish to mention. But this Roman system is making a bid for the conversion of Britain; is the most active of all the church systems to its interests, and this makes it worth while to mention its foolishness, its darknesses, its perversity, and to recall the fact that it is the leader in religion, and has been and is the Devil's chief agent in deceiving the world.

South America

Parents Were at the Movies

◆ The custom of some selfish parents in going to the movies or dances and leaving their children at home received a sad rebuke in the great fire at Lagunillas, the shantytown built on stilts over Lake Maracaibo. The parents could not help it that two big pipe lines broke and flooded that portion of the lake with oil, or that the oil took fire, or that their homes, 200 of them, were burned, but they could be sorry for the little ones that did not even have a chance of life. First accounts were that as many as 800 perished, but this was subsequently reduced to about 100, which seems more reasonable, but had enough even then.

The Dictator of Bolivia

◆ The dictator of Bolivia had a German grandfather, and his brother-in-law, Kovich Seito, is a Japanese subject. His inclination toward the German-Italian-Japanese axis is perfectly natural. Propaganda that he is anti-clerical is unworthy of credence by any but simpletons who believe whatever they read.

Development of Peru

◆ Peru has growing pains. In five years the mineral output grew from \$26,000,000 to \$70,-

000,000. Bank deposits increased from \$18,000,000 to \$28,000,000. Imports increased from \$15,000,000 to \$35,000,000. The country is as large as the great states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska, is only partially explored, and is known to have riches of minerals, oils, rare woods and agriculture almost limitless in extent. Peru has only begun to grow, and in the Kingdom it will be a happy land for millions.

Improvements in Bolivia

◆ Improvements are under way in Bolivia, calculated to make the land more attractive to visitors. A modern highway now connects the capital, La Paz, with Lake Titicaca, highest navigable lake in the world, and at the lake are two new tourist hotels, a hundred or so miles apart, built and owned by the Bolivian government.

Southern Dictatorships

◆ At this writing Brazil, Paraguay, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru are under dictatorships. This constitutes 62 percent of the area and 61 percent of the population of the continent, and 50 percent of its governments.

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Their Time of Depression



The bride of a few weeks noticed that her husband was depressed.

"John, dearest," she said, "I know something is troubling you, and I want you to tell me what it is; your worries are not your worries now, they are ours."

"Oh, very well," said John. "We've just had a letter from a girl in Birmingham, and she's suing us for breach of promise."—*Reynolds*.

At the Crowded Hour

The doctor was on a crowded streetcar and was forced to stand. Beside him a stout woman vainly endeavored to get her fare out of the pocket of her cloak tightly buttoned as a protection against pickpockets.

After some minutes the doctor said, "Please allow me to pay your fare."

The woman declined with some asperity and renewed her attacks on the pocket. After some little time the doctor said again:

"You really must let me pay your fare. You have already unbuttoned my suspenders three times."—*Labor*.

Pasadena Woman's Reply to a Real Estate Man

A home? Why do I need a home? I was born in a hospital, educated in a college, courted in a motorear, and married in a church; I live out of the delicatessen and paper bags; I spend my mornings on the golf course, my afternoons at the bridge table, and my evenings at the movies; and when I die, I am going to be buried at the undertaker's.—*Australian Consolation*.

Domestic Confusion

"Look at that girl dressed up like a man. I call it idiotic."

"Pardon me, sir, that's my son."

"Oh, I'm sorry! I didn't know you were his father."

"I'm not. I'm his mother."—*Eau Claire Shopping News*.

A Bad Spell

"Long Distance! I want to place a call to Damariscotta."

"How do you spell it, please?"

"Shucks, lady, if I could spell it I would write."—*Kellygram*.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Roosevelt's Ambassador to the Pope

(In Two Parts—Part 2)*

THE most astounding piece of business thus far perpetrated by any elected servant of the American people is Roosevelt's presumption in sending a personal ambassador to the pope. The sinister implications of this act have been considered at some length in the first part of this article. The second part takes up some incidental aspects of the situation.

Humbugging the American People

The president of the United States, entrusted as he is with the greatest gift in the power of the people to bestow, ought to be above the humbugging of them, and it is a shame and a disgrace that Franklin D. Roosevelt, in sending his ambassador to the pope, pretended that it was done for the general benefit of mankind and in the cause of peace. It was nothing of the sort. The deal was all cooked up long ago. The Catholic journals were in on it and the stories that they published before Roosevelt made the appointment give the lie to the reasons alleged at Washington as to why the appointment was made.

The following story appeared in the London *Catholic Herald* of November 24, 1939, 29 days before Roosevelt summoned Spellman to Washington. It is obviously true, which is all the more remarkable because it emanated from the Vatican. The Catholic press can now point with pride to the fact that on this matter, and in advance, they told the truth about something of which the president of the United States, a professed Protestant, told a story.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND U.S.A.

From Our Own Correspondent

VATICAN CITY

The Holy Father has recently received in audience Cardinal Gasparri, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura.

* Part 1 was in No. 531.—Ed.

It is possible that the Pope discussed the probable renewal of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the U.S.A., which were interrupted in 1870. Cardinal Gasparri went to America some time ago to study, it is believed, the juridical status of such relations in the event of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations.

It is well known that the Holy Father is extremely desirous of seeing these diplomatic relations resumed.

FAVOURABLE TIME

This is a most favourable time for the success of such relations, because Roosevelt and his supporters have promised their renewal several times. Though the administration never kept these promises in spite of pressure from Cardinal Mundelein, the 1940 presidential elections make the chances greater because Roosevelt may have to obtain Catholic votes. The situation is favourable also because the Jews in America are now on good terms with the Church and the Communists have of late been less active.

The message sent by President Roosevelt on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of the *Commonweal*, the well-known Catholic weekly, indicates the interest of the President in the Church.

"At all hazards," said the President in his message, "we must preserve our liberties and above all else liberty of conscience. God speed you through the years in your determination to affirm the Christian conception of the dignity of the individual man."

All Agree Except Liberty-Lovers

After Roosevelt appointed his personal ambassador to the pope, and invited the president of a Jewish theological seminary and the president of the Federal Council of Churches to sanctify the appointment, the Jewish representative, Dr. Cyrus Adler, made the statement, "We are all in agreement." What he meant was that four persons are satisfied, Pacelli, Roosevelt, Buttrick (of the Federal Council) and himself. They speak for nobody else. The general secretary of the Baptist

World Alliance, Dr. W. O. Lewis, issued a statement that "American Baptists oppose any possible combine of the United States Government with the Vatican", and there are more than four persons among those Baptists.

It has been repeatedly drawn to Roosevelt's attention that law-abiding American citizens have been attacked by subjects of the pope to whom the president is now doing obsequious homage. These attacks have been carried out under the direction of the Hierarchy's priests. Instead of doing or saying anything to protect his fellow citizens in their rights as against this bunch of foreign racketeers, he insults them by glorifying the head of this camorra, every principle of which is contrary to the American Constitution, to Christianity and to common decency and honesty.

An example of the riotous assaults characteristic of the pope-controlled part of the population follows.

Unofficial Papal Representatives

The police of Saco, Maine, sincerely and honestly desire the destruction of the American form of government and have done and are willing to do all that they can to reproduce in this country the identical conditions that prevail in Germany. Instead of preserving order, or even trying to preserve order, they have encouraged anarchy in its most vicious form—the breaking up of assemblies of orderly Christian people, met together to study the Word of God. For thus breaking the oaths they have taken to preserve the liberties and the lives of American people, engaged in the exercise of their lawful rights, they deserve

long terms of imprisonment behind bars—the usual American penalty for malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in public office.

Sunday evening, October 1, 1939, a widely advertised meeting of Christian people was to have been held at Red Men's Hall, Main street, Saco, Maine. The police knew all about the purpose of this meeting, and conspired to have it wrecked. Before the meeting began, a radio shop next door to the hall turned on several radios and sound apparatus, with the volume as high as they could get it, and with no other possible objective than to interfere with the meeting advertised.

This conspiracy to interfere with a Christian assembly (illegal in every state in the United States) was supplemented by a mob of at least twenty men and youths who hooted, whistled, shouted and stamped their feet, trying to gain entrance after the meeting had started. Two personal visits to the police headquarters were made to draw the attention of the officers of the law to these facts. On the second trip the officers, engaged in playing cards, indicated that they resented being disturbed in their Sunday evening pastime. A third visit, more insistent, was made that steps be taken to protect the rights of the audience in the hall.

Thereupon one officer walked by on the sidewalk, asked the disturbers on the sidewalk to cross the street, which they did, but he did nothing about the disturbers in the hallway on the second floor, nor did he linger to prevent the throwing of missiles from across the street, which began at once.

As soon as the officer had departed, the man



Christian assembly room in Saco after friends of police visited it. No arrests.



Friends of Saco police invade a law-abiding Christian man's living room. Nobody arrested.

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that conducted the radio shop disturbance led the mob to the attack on the hall, showing the gangsters which windows to break and which not to break. He manifestly tipped them off that they had nothing to fear from the police, and events showed this to be correct.

Nonfeasance of Police



Practically every window in the hall was smashed in the riot that followed, and for which riot the Saco police are directly responsible, and can blame no one else.

An automobile drove up loaded with missiles of all kinds; not only stones, but the usual vegetables and other accompaniments of those who have no other arguments with which to answer the truth. The number of the automobile is known and recorded.

A mob of more than 1,000 collected. According to the Biddeford *Daily Journal* the police, mentioned by their official name ten times in five paragraphs, understood their duty very well, inasmuch as "neither the police nor county officers could find any law which would prevent the group from meeting". The law does not specify in detail that police, paid by the taxpayers, shall stop playing cribbage on Sunday evening to protect Christian people from assault by mobs formed with the knowledge and consent of their higher-ups. The most hopeless moron knows that, whether they like to have their cribbage game interfered with or not, their duty is plain. That duty the Saco police definitely dodged.

Encouraged to do so, the mob went about its work after the pattern so well laid down in Germany, and now understood at all four corners in America. All that is necessary is

connivance by the police and it may happen anywhere, and will.

The mob stoned the hall. Practically every window was smashed. Stink bombs were thrown into the hall. The worshipers were driven into the street. While this was going on several police and a deputy sheriff were outside encouraging the mob. One was sitting in a car, laughing and talking with some of the mob. Jehovah's witnesses know the leaders of the mob, and so do the police, but no arrests were made, and none intended.

The work of destruction went on. Everything in the hall was smashed. The light fixtures were torn from the walls. Even the

plaster on the ceiling was torn off. The equipment of Jehovah's witnesses was destroyed, a phonograph and many records. Territory maps were annihilated, but the stock of literature of the Kingdom was missed, by God's grace, for at the last minute one of the witnesses threw the master switch of the electric system, plunging the hall into darkness.

The work of destruction went on in the darkness. The mob forced its way into the living quarters of the company servant and pioneer, actually breaking the intervening door into halves. In these living quarters everything was upset. Beds were torn apart, the

alarm clock was broken, some of the clothing was ruined and destroyed and the rest of it was thrown all over the place.

The Saco Gestapo out in their car were well pleased. A better job could not have been done in Germany. Now they can go back to the "Reverend Father" O'Whatshisname and get his "blessing", but if they think that what they started in Saco will stop there, they do not know Jehovah's people and least of all do they know Jehovah himself.



"Without benefit of clergy—and strictly unofficial"

The meeting which was held in Saco was held in honor of Jehovah's name. The Biddeford *Daily Journal* used as its scarehead the words "Saco Hall Wrecked in Protest Against Jehovah's Meeting". It was not a bad headline. It was just that. It was Jehovah's meeting. It is not ended yet.

One woman, a Christian woman of good will, fainted in the police-encouraged riot. How do you Americans like that? And, now that you have put almost all of your police officials under the direction of the pope of Rome, where do you think you and your children are going to get off, presently, when you try to exercise some of the rights for which your ancestors came to America?

America is in for it, and no mistake? There can be only one end, Armageddon, and thank God that in that holocaust every subject of the pope will *perish*. It is the only solution; it is Jehovah's solution. And if you want to be on the safe side you should get on Jehovah's side now. It is either His side or the side of the Devil—the pope's side. Take your choice.

A Slip at Newburyport

The pope slipped on something more substantial than a banana peel at Newburyport, Massachusetts. Jehovah's witnesses held an orderly meeting on a recent Sunday morning. Then the Papal heat was turned on and the owners of the building called the police to eject Jehovah's witnesses from the building on the ground that there was "going to be a riot". Witnesses thereupon called the state police, who told them to stand by their rights and bring charges of assault against any persons, regardless of badges or uniforms, who laid hands on them. When the city police arrived the witnesses were having a Bible study, which is not yet illegal, even in Newburyport. Nobody but the "old Harlot" knows who thought there was "going to be a riot". The Newburyport police never squawked as to who sent them on their wild-goose chase; and now half of Massachusetts is laughing at them. The pope slipped. Mayor Gillis' own paper, *The Liberator*, took a double-column crack at the police of his own city; and as Gillis is himself a Roman Catholic, this discloses him as a man of more than usual moral courage.

Conspiracies Against Faithful Employees

Conspiracies against faithful employees who are Jehovah's witnesses seem to be re-

curring with ever increasing frequency, and the information in each case shows the religious animus at the bottom of it, as is always found to be the case where violence has been shown against the Kingdom message. This is all regular. It is a part of the training of priests to skillfully stir up a mob of hoodlums, and, after they have done their will, to then pose in the papers and before the courts as the ones who stilled the tempests which but for them would never have arisen.

In the mails the other day was the story of one of the witnesses in a malt extract establishment. He lost his job through malicious and false testimony against him by a group of Catholic employees. The shameless lies that they told are, of course, all forgiven in advance by their priest, or certainly afterward at the confessional. The remedy is in Armageddon, when all the conspirators will be destroyed together and for ever.

In today's mails is the story of another one of Jehovah's witnesses, a railroad man. A religious fellow employee tried to get this man fired after twenty years of faithful service. The morning of the hearing the witness visited several interested families; two of them invited him to call again. Then came two hours of grilling before four railroad officials, all Catholics, but all honest men. The accuser did not get to first base. He admitted he had called the witness a Communist, which charge was proved to be false. Every other charge he made was also disproved. The result was that the witness was told that he would be given a day's pay and no charges would be held against him. Since then, the man who made the charges has gotten into trouble himself, not once, but twice.

Conspiracies Against the Children



It is a conspiracy against children to insist that priests or others must teach them traditions of men which are entirely contrary to the truths of God's Word. In the *Guild Teacher* (New York) Abraham Lefkowitz says on this subject:

Recently, several church leaders have given a new impetus to the movement for the introduction of religion into the schools in direct violation of this cardinal American tradition. This has not been attempted by a frontal assault, because these intelligent persons realize the futility of such a campaign. Instead, the approach has been more indirect. Thus far, it has taken a seemingly harmless form such as the right to excuse children during

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school hours for religious instruction,—the segregation of children along religious lines and sending them under teachers of their faith to their respective religious institutions. That this movement cannot be lightly regarded is obvious by the recent action of the state of Maine.

The legislature of Maine enacted a law providing that the school committee of each town may authorize a survey of the religious affiliation of pupils attending the public schools and have the consent of guardian for moral instruction. Pupils may be excused one hour weekly to attend their respective places of worship to receive instruction according to their faith. More recently, the National Catholic Alumni Federation adopted a resolution to bring about the enactment of legislation to include religious education within the public schools to be given by qualified teachers of the child's own religious faith and upon the request of the parents. Such legislation has already been introduced into our own state legislature.

The natives in Africa and other countries are to a considerable extent children. They are trustful of the whites until they learn that the whites are unreliable. The missionaries are as ready as others to tell lies. The *London Universe* (Roman Catholic) says, in effect, that it has a missionary contributor in Liberia who makes the charge that persons distributing the literature of Jehovah's witnesses in that country are also distributing Russian Communistic literature. This is a 100-percent lie. Jehovah's witnesses are forbidden to enter Russia. The lie of this missionary was told before the Roman Catholic Hitler opened his arms and Stalin fell into them. The latest information just at hand is that Stalin and Pacelli are dickering for a re-establishment of religion in Russia, which plainly shows the Pacelli-Hitler-Stalin conspiracy.

Also (and it is a mighty interesting thing), weeks before the Russians invaded Finland all the Roman Catholic nuns in that country were taken out of the land. Why was that? How did the pope know they would be safer somewhere else? And if they are so eager to do something worth while in the world, why did they not remain in Finland to act as nurses? There can be no adequate answer. It is evident that the pope was in on it and probably directly counseled the attack on Finland.

"No Surprise"

John J. Saunders, writing in the *London Catholic Herald*, states that the pact between Hitler and Stalin was no surprise to any reader of the *Herald*, which may well be believed.

He also described Italy, Spain and Portugal as the Latin Fascist bloc. There should be no surprise in that either. The Roman Catholic Church is the wet nurse of the entire totalitarian idea.

It is an old story that you must toot your horn if you want to sell any fish; and so it is reasonable, even though it is funny beyond words, that the pope has the nerve to refer to his "spiritual authority" and to tell the world by radio that when they listen to him they "hear through our voice the voice of that Christ", etc., etc. He went on to say, "We are armed by nothing more than the word of truth," and, "We speak in the name of God." No bigger lies were ever told on earth. The Papacy is the child of the Devil and speaks in his name only.

A dispatch from Rome that "Monsignor Cesare Orsenigo, papal nuncio to Berlin, called at the chancellery at noon and was received immediately by Adolf Hitler" shows several things quite plainly, the outstanding ones being the good understanding between Hitler and the Vatican, the reverence of Hitler for the Vatican, and Hitler's anxiety to find some way to use the pope so that Germany can work out a peace that will enable her to keep what she has so far obtained until she is ready to strike again, in her aim at world conquest.



A dispatch from Rome, published in the New York *Herald Tribune*, states that while the usual income of the Vatican is at least \$50,000,000 a year, yet during war time this may fall to as low as \$30,000,000. The dispatch makes the very truthful observation that Cardinal Innitzer of Vienna "was the first to welcome the Nazis when they took over Austria". The United States is the Vatican's chief contributor.

Acting under guidance of its Rome-controlled State Department, the United States performed one of the worst series of acts in its career in the way it treated the Spanish Republic. Nothing was done for the Republic, but Franco the Butcher was financed to the extent of \$14,000,000 worth of cotton which will be used to compete with American textiles on the world market. The loan will never be repaid.

One of the first acts of the "government" of the Butcher was to provide for the annual appropriation of \$6,200,000 a year for the support of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy

which placed him in the saddle and them back in power as his overlords.

Claims of the Hierarchy

1. Under the pretense that he is God's vicar on earth, the pope claims that every soul on earth is a subject of the church, regardless of whether they are members of it or not.

2. When any question arises in which the pope and the civil government cannot reach an agreement, or in which there is a question as to which authority shall have jurisdiction, the decision of the pope shall be final. The head of every government shall be bound by the superior authority of the pope, but the pope is not bound by any authority on earth. True, the church contends that its decisions are infallible only in matters pertaining to "faith and morals", but the word "morals" can be so interpreted as to include practically anything. Cardinal Manning said: "Politics are a part of morals. What the moral law of the Ten Commandments is to the individual, politics are to society. Politics are nothing more than the morals of society, the collective morality of Christian men united together under social law—politics are morals on the widest scale."

3. The pope claims the right to use force, if necessary, to punish or exterminate non-believers or to force them into the church. Each government shall recognize this right and it is their duty to assist the church in enforcing this dogma.

4. Regarding dissenters or non-Catholics: they need not be treated with justice and humanity, nor accorded the elemental rights of human society. The pope claims that non-Catholics live in error and error has not the same right as truth; that inasmuch as their very existence is an offense to God, they are not entitled to the right of free speech and freedom of worship which the church demands for its subjects. Therefore the existence of any individual, or sect, or the dissemination of any fact or opinion which does not agree with Catholic doctrines shall be suppressed.

It is utterly impossible to believe these doctrines and at the same time believe in tolerance, free speech, and free press and religious freedom. To any one who believes in this medieval conception of human rights, democracy just does not make sense. Yet, every member of the Catholic church knowingly or unknowingly gives assent to these and other doctrines of similar un-American content, such as those concerning civil and mixed marriages, divorce, separation of church and state, the right of the electorate to choose how and by whom they shall be governed, etc.

In Question and Answer form, these doctrines are printed in the text books used in Catholic schools and instilled into the minds of Catholic youths; yet Churchmen constantly plead that government should be used to support the schools where these un-American Catholic doctrines are disseminated.

Very little attention has been given to the fact that the Roman Catholic organization is a dictatorship, identical in spirit and form with the modern Fascist dictatorships, for which it has served as the prototype.—*The Truth Seeker*.

The President's Objective

What can be the president's objective in appointing a personal ambassador to the Vatican, making that ambassador out of a former head of the steel trust, and dragging the spokesmen of the Protestants and Jews into the scheme? It is not to make peace. The attitude of the British speaks plainly enough on that. Quite possibly the pope knows that Adolf is licked and wants to help him find a way out; but a much more likely thing is that Jim Farley and Roosevelt want the combined influence of Big Church, Big Business and Big Politics to say that it is quite all right for America to take orders hereafter from the pope, which means, in essence and in fact, the stopping of the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom, if that can be accomplished.

As to the Protestants, it is inevitable that their bishops should be blind. The very fact that they are religious bishops makes them that way. So none should wonder that, when the "Right Reverend" Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, New York city, said in a sermon that future ages would look back to the twentieth century as one of the dark ages in the history of mankind, he followed that truthful statement with the proposition that "we must endeavor to establish a Kingdom of God on this earth" and thus "co-operate with Jesus Christ in bringing a kingdom of righteousness and justice to this sorely beset world". If the politicians, the preachers and the plutocrats have progressed no farther in some 6,000 years than to make the world the bedlam that it is today, when would the same crowd produce on earth a condition where God's will would be done as it is done in heaven? The answer is, Never; and religion, the Devil's substitute for The Theocracy, must go into oblivion, where it belongs.

Myron C. Taylor, former chairman of the United States Steel Trust, selected by Roosevelt as his personal ambassador to the pope, was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and became the head of the steel trust by reason of that fact. Like Roosevelt, he is a professed Episcopalian and, according to Roman Catholic theology, could be put to death as a heretic

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for believing the same things Roosevelt is supposed to believe. But nobody need suppose that Taylor will be in any danger at the Vatican. He lives much of the year in Italy and is well acquainted with Pacelli and other higher-ups in and out of Vatican City. Besides that, he is said to be extremely religious.

Jehovah's people have been taught by the Lord, through *The Watchtower* (1938), that the conspiracy (2 Chronicles chapter 20) between the Moabites, Ammonites and the inhabitants of Mount Seir against the land of Judah pictured beforehand the conspiracy of the deeply religious Big Business crowd, the group of hypocritical politicians and the group of conscienceless religionists against The Theocracy. These all have as their objective their continued dominance of the world and the hindrance of the Kingdom message.

It must not be supposed that Roosevelt selected Taylor particularly because he is very religious, but because he is a shining representative of Big Business, and, for that matter, he is still a director of the United States Steel Corporation and an open and unblushing admirer of Mussolini and Fascism.

Big Business and Peace



Big Business, especially the steel business, is not interested in peace; it is interested in the biggest business of all, which is mass murder. Petty hold-ups are impractical and unpopular. The money cost of the World War was sufficient to build a \$2,500 house containing \$1,000 worth of furniture, on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre, for every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Russia and Germany. The war slew ten million soldiers (one-fifth of all who went into it), and 28,000,000 civilians died of war-born starvation, disease and massacre. The munition makers made the most of the opportunity and are now secretly smacking their lips over the profits of the new war. All can remember Morgan's interest in the war of 1914-1918.

Some thirty-odd years ago J. Pierpont Morgan, Sr., patron saint of the Steel Trust, pumped the New Haven Railroad so full of water that it oozed out at every joint. The New Haven bought steamboat lines, trolleys, hotels and other things at fancy prices, and just as they had arrived at the place where they no longer yielded a profit. Since then the stock of the road has been waterlogged and

now the Interstate Commerce Commission advises that the best thing to do is to wipe out all the preferred and common stocks, because the corporation cannot pay anything on them.

During the World War there was a big difference in the price of cannon fodder. Uncle Sam paid the highest price. His soldiers received wages almost three times that paid the British soldier, ten times that of the German, twenty times that of the French, and twenty-five times that of the Italian. But, even then, his soldiers were expected to lay down their lives to make the world safe for democracy for only \$1 a day.

A review of 3,421 years of human history shows that in that time there have been 268 years of peace. All the remaining years were years of war in which some 8,000 peace treaties were broken to smithereens.

A front-line veteran who was in every battle from Chateau Thierry to the Argonne says that he saw men with their stomachs torn open by shrapnel and with their bloody and muddy hands trying to gather their entrails out of the mud and stuff them back in place again, mud and all. He sees the same old propaganda now under way as he swallowed, hook, line and sinker, in 1917.

The British understand clearly that the United States Neutrality Act had as its objective the helping of the Allies to win the war against Hitler without coming into the open and saying so. The Germans understand the same thing. United States Senator Wm. E. Borah made the statement:

The Bill is, in fact, legislation providing in effect for intervention in a great European struggle for power, in the hope by some, and the belief of others, but not all, that we will be able to take part in this struggle under such terms and conditions as will enable us to escape the more serious sacrifices of war.—In the *Manchester Guardian*.

When the armistice came of age, 21 years after it was declared, the thing to celebrate was not that the world had been made safe for democracy, but that it was spending six times as much for armaments as in 1913, and was well into the second world war. Moreover, instead of "open covenants openly arrived at" the world witnessed an era of shameful double-crossing unequalled in history. None of the objectives of the first world war were attained; every solemn promise to the people was broken, as was, of course, to be expected. This generation seems to think loyalty to any trust whatever is a weakness.

Railroads and Shipping

Railroad Statistics

◆ Class I railroads have about 1,767,000 freight cars, 44,700 locomotives, and 40,000 passenger cars.

Large numbers of roses and other cut flowers are shipped from Pacific Coast to Atlantic Coast cities in refrigerator cars attached to fast passenger trains.

About fifteen million tons of ice—enough to make six hundred million 50-pound blocks—are used each year by the railroads to keep freight and passengers cool.

Cooled cars for the transportation of perishables were first used in 1857, when one railroad insulated some of its boxcars and, after loading, placed ice in the doorways.

Freight to New York City

◆ In the year 1931 the railroads brought 1,000,000 cars of fruit and vegetables into New York city, but six years later the number was reduced to 800,000. In the six years there was actually a large increase in the New York consumption of fruits and vegetables. These figures give some idea of the way in which the trucks are cutting into the business of the railroads. An odd feature, however, is that many of the railroads are cutting into their own business and buying truck lines which carry their freight all the way by truck instead of part way by rail.

Big Advertisement for Railroads

◆ A big advertisement for the railroads is H. L. Ferris, of Arkansas City, Kansas, who for the past 46 years (and he is now in his 90th year) has declined to sleep otherwise than in a chair because he had such a comfortable night in one on a western railroad a lifetime ago. Well, the railroads of the West do have some very comfortable reclining-chair seats, and no mistake, but most Americans will continue to long for the mattresses and springs and sheets and things sometime around the midnight hour.

Welded Rails in Britain

◆ Welded streetcar rails are in use in many parts of the United States. New reports from Britain are that the London and North Eastern Railway has an unbroken track 1,260 feet long and that the experiment is a success in smoother travel and reduction of noise. All

British rails are carried in cradles which may assist in making practicable in Britain what is not considered practical here.

Fun to Sail Around the World

◆ Mrs. Marion Rice Hart, not familiar with navigation, but a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, conceived the notion that it would be fun to sail around the world in her own ship. So she bought a 73-foot ketch in England and made a start. By the time she had arrived at the Suez Canal she had discharged four skippers and decided to navigate the boat the rest of the way herself. In another two years she visited Australia and New Zealand and recently rounded Cape Horn, after more than 5,000 miles across the open ocean. Some skipper!

Out of New York Bay

◆ Out of New York bay, but attached to Bayonne, New Jersey, has arisen a new land of 160 acres, dug from the bottom of the bay itself. This new area is surrounded by a retaining structure forty-two feet thick. The inner edge is wooden sheeting. The outer edge is of concrete, and the interior of riprap. A channel 650 feet wide surrounds the new piers, providing 35-foot draft at low water. Fifty of the 160 acres are expected to provide transit facilities for 2,500,000 tons of freight annually, and 110 acres will be available for industrial sites.

Dodging the U-Boats

◆ Dodging the U-boats, shipments to Britain and France, from the Orient, New Zealand and Australia, no longer go by the Panama Canal but are sent to Vancouver, where they go by rail across Canada to Atlantic ports and are reshipped. To handle this business \$30,000,000 of new equipment is being provided for the railroad.

Can Still Learn from Ancients

◆ Eighty years ago the British Admiralty conceived a new form of anchor and had it patented, and in 1939, in the island of Sardinia, an old Roman galley was found equipped with an iron anchor having the same features as those in use today. The movable transverse piece was in use 1,800 years ago, was forgotten, and then was rediscovered.

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Saving Time Around the House



PUT silverware in a glass container and put the lid on tight and you will never have to clean or polish your silverware. If silver not in use is wrapped in waxed paper it will be free from tarnish and ready for use at any time. Moist table salt will remove egg tarnish from silverware.

When packing china for mailing or moving, have plenty of excelsior on hand. Each article should be wrapped in moist excelsior a few days before it is shipped or stored, so that when the straw dries it will have assumed the shape of the wrapped article, thus forming a protective framework.

One of the strongest cements and the easiest to apply for mending crockery is lime and the white of an egg. To use it, take a sufficient quantity of the egg to mend one article at a time. Shave off a quantity of lime and mix thoroughly. Apply quickly to the edges and place firmly together, when it will soon become set and strong. Mix but a small quantity at a time, as it hardens very soon so that it cannot be used.

When china cups are tea-stained, rub them with a cloth dipped in vinegar-moistened salt to remove the stain.

When purchasing inexpensive flower containers one may find them to be quite porous, permitting water to seep through and mark furniture. To prevent this pour melted paraffin into the vase to the depth of an inch, which does away with this trouble. The vase may be washed, avoiding very hot water.

Furniture of simple construction is easier to keep clean than that with fancy carvings and scrolls, and looks better by far.

To remedy furniture drawers which stick, sandpaper and wax their edges. When casters on furniture keep dropping out, pour a little paraffin into the hole, insert the caster and let the wax harden.

A little vinegar will soften dried glue.

If your polished table gets a white mark on it, due to heated plates, etc., rub with camphorated oil. This will remove the mark. To remove finger marks from furniture, use a piece of chamois wrung out in cold water and polish with dry chamois.

Furniture polish not only bestows a luster upon furniture but preserves and "feeds" it, prolonging its life. This is true only of an oil

polish of good quality. Every application is beneficial to both woodwork and furniture. The use of an oiled cloth when dusting makes frequent polishing less urgent.

To keep mice away, scatter small pieces of camphor in your cupboards and drawers. They will go far away from the smell of camphor.

Legs of tables and chests soon dig into the kitchen linoleum and leave permanent marks. To prevent this, get from your neighborhood shoe repair man a strip of composition such as he uses to renew worn-down heels. Cut neat "heels" for your furniture and tack them on with headless nails that will sink down inside, and there will be no more scarred floors. Heavy felt will do as well as the composition material, except for very heavy furniture.

Dust is most successfully removed from reed furniture when a hose is used. Set the furniture on the lawn when the sun is shining and play the hose on it.

To wash oil paintings, make a suds of pure white soap. Have water lukewarm. Apply to small surface of picture at a time and dry immediately.

A couple of well-hung mirrors can do wonders to the small living room. Hang the mirrors where they add to the size as well as the attractiveness of the room.

A drop of perfume on an electric light bulb will scent the whole room. Perfume, however, is no substitute for fresh air.

Sundry Suggestions

To test silk, burn a small sample. If it curls up into a black charred ball, it contains practically no weighting, rayon or cotton adulteration.

To take the shine from serge goods, rub it with hot vinegar and then sponge with ammonia.

Wet umbrellas should always be turned upside down to dry, never left open, as this stretches them at the ribs and prevents their being tightly rolled afterwards. When not in use they should be kept unrolled.

Coal oil will soften hardened shoes made so by the rain.

A thin coat of shellac or colorless varnish will add life to straw matting, at the same time giving it a pleasing gloss.



Fresno News

◆ October 28, 1939, information march advertising "Government and Peace" at the Courthouse park the following day. Some 200 listened to the lecture. Sixty booklets and a number of *Salvation* books placed with audience. Some 75 witnesses participated in the march in the afternoon, and 60 in the evening. No opposition. One storekeeper seeing three people going back and forth was somewhat disturbed, and remarked, "They are taking the whole block," although the three men were of ordinary size. One gentleman walked along a little with a witness and said, "I am with you folks! I mean I am with Jehovah, Christ, and Judge Rutherford." Some could not tell whether this was for religion or against it.

October, Visalia, California. Some 100 were in the march. The police said there was "an ordinance against it"; when the crowd marched they "couldn't do anything—too many of them". Following a march there, while we were witnessing, a woman spoke to one of the witnesses: "Do you know those who marched here? Are you one of them?" The witness replied, "I was one of them." Then she said, "Do you know that you people are stirring up the people? The preachers here are fighting among themselves, and one of them has left town." This woman took literature and is interested. A pioneer plays a German record, "Enemies." The woman then remarks, "Is dat Hitler?" Before getting a reply, she says, "I want that book."

Hanford, California. A march took place advertising meeting at the park. It was reported that a priest was at the lecture, "Government and Peace," but left when he had heard all the records except the last two. Too bad! Too bad! Fresno witness reported that at a back-call the lady, feeling her responsibility, ordered ten *Salvation* books. They are going like bananas—by the bunch.

What causes a sigh? The Bible tells of some people who 'sigh and cry because of the abom-

inations' in the land, and some who 'sigh and groan' under great trial. (Ezekiel 9: 4; Psalm 102: 19, 20) There is another class that sigh because of the truth being told. At a funeral held in California, when the one in charge announced that for ten minutes Judge Rutherford would be heard on "Dead" and "Resurrection", a deep sigh went out of a woman who was present and such sighs continued throughout Judge Rutherford's talk when the "clergy" were mentioned. It seems strange that the mention of the name "Judge Rutherford" almost kills some people.

"Ham and Eggs." For months California has had one of the biggest campaigns for and against the "thirty dollars a week" retirement plan. Thousands of poor people and old people sent in their thirty cents per month to headquarters and leaders of the movement. Discussions could be heard everywhere, in meetings, in the parks, on buses, and elsewhere—"Thirty Dollars a Week"—"the biggest thing that ever happened, and when it passes here it will spread all over." Whole-salers poured forth their views to businessmen, warning them that under no circumstance would they ever accept "warrants" for merchandise. Banks fought in their way, accusing the movement as being "Communist" and leading to "dictatorship", and pictures illustrating such views on billboards everywhere. Ham & Eggers were organized and had districts with their captains. Many people who have read Judge Rutherford, not appreciating the situation fully, were strongly for "Ham & Eggs". Over the radio fine arguments were presented to show how this movement could kick out the banks, etc., etc. Letters from Canadian Government purporting to show how prosperous they are there with warrants or similar things were spread everywhere. The other side had their letters from Canada showing there had been a failure. At the meetings here it was told by "Ham & Eggers" that the audience would be asked first of all to salute the flag. It amounted to a religious frenzy and to a belief that "this is beginning of God's kingdom". Ham & Eggers were absolutely certain this time they would win. Well, yesterday was November 7, and this morning papers report in big headlines, "Ham & Eggs Defeated 2 to 1." They say the fight is not ended; and evidently it is not. But a great disappointment! Some who claim to be of the truth, and pretty good people, too, and who are associated with the work, more or less, were urg-

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Jehovah's Kingdom publishers just before baptism in the Susquehanna river, near Pittston, Pennsylvania

ing others to register and vote, and possibly these who did the urging voted. It seems such should see that the Jw's are "neutral" as to ham and eggs, even as we are about other worldly schemes. We hear some say that Governor Olsen talked favorably before about it and "got in" on that, but now is unfavorable toward the scheme. Governor Olsen has done some good things, but, of course, it is hard to be a public man and please everybody.

Because many of these readers of our books were "Ham & Eggers" the witnesses here have had considerable difficulty in interesting "interested" people to come to our meetings, and since it has flopped for the present, these people may have greater interest in the Kingdom. These "Ham & Eggers" are not all poor people, nor jobless either. But they are for it because they think they are doing great good for the aged. Witnessing to some they say, "When ham and eggs fails, then I'll read Judge Rutherford." A year ago, while in Oakland giving out circulars for "Face the Facts", an old gentleman took a circular and, looking at Judge Rutherford's picture, remarked with considerable emphasis, "If that man is not for Thirty a Week, HE'LL NEVER GIT IN!" Only the Kingdom will thoroughly solve the "old

age" problem, because the obedient will remain young and have plenty and need never retire.

Religion. An undertaker reported to the writer that at a certain Catholic funeral the "solemn high mass cost \$60", and was paid. It takes three priests one full hour to perform "solemn high mass". The poor cannot all get for their hard work even 20c an hour, but these priests earned \$20 apiece per hour without giving real consideration therefor. It is a great racket and there are some people who "love to have it so". If these people had obtained the little booklet *Uncovered* for only 2c, and believed the Bible as therein quoted, they would have saved \$59.98.—D. Davidian.

A Victory for Common Sense

◆ The St. Louis *Post Dispatch*, referring to the victory of Jehovah's witnesses in the flag-salute cases, said: "It is a victory for common sense over hysteria. It reasserts the common decency that calls for respect for another man's conviction—a man who may be doing more than any of us to build a better nation even if he believes that he should make obeisance only to the Deity."

"And Other Sheep I Have"

◆ Witness (with Bible and WATCHTOWER Bible helps, knocks on door; smilingly addresses man who opens door): Good morning. I have brought you a message of warning and of comfort [Ezekiel 33:7; Isaiah 61:1-3] that the new King is so graciously extending to His loyal subjects, that the willing-hearted may now learn of Him and find refuge in His name. [Isaiah 9:6,7; Psalm 22:28; Isaiah 2:3; Zephaniah 2:1-3; Proverbs 18:10] (Witness sets up phonograph as he talks. Sheep and family listen attentively to lecture)

Sheep: I want to ask some questions about this new government you are talking about. My wife and I have been seeking a place to bring up our children, and we have not yet found what we want. The clergymen have told us quite a lot about places called Heaven and Hell. We know we don't want to locate in Hell, and, to tell the truth, Heaven doesn't exactly seem to suit our needs—we being just plain earthly sort of folks—but this city you've been speaking of sounds more like it might be the place we're looking for. What is the name of this city?

Witness: It's name is Jerusalem, a city of truth. [Zech. 8:3]

Sheep: Where is it located?

Witness: It is very beautifully situated alongside Mount Zion—so lovely that it is the joy of the whole earth, indeed! [Psalm 48:2]

Sheep: What form of government does it have?

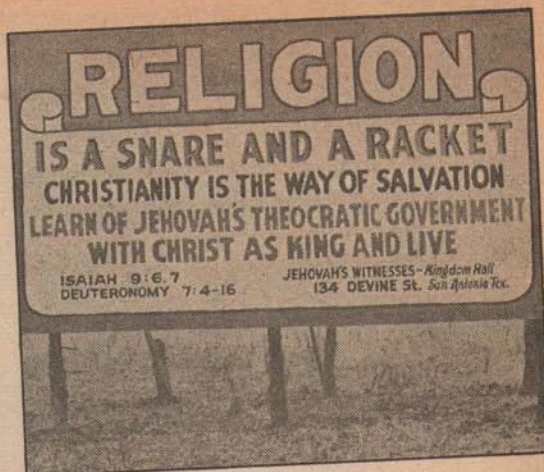
Witness: A pure Theocracy. [Psalm 2:6; Psalm 47; Daniel 2:44; Revelation 11:17]

Sheep: Since we are used to a democratic form of government, would it be hard for us to live under such a new form?

Witness: Oh, no. The people rejoice when



All in one family at San Antonio—it's catching



Signs of the times (10 feet by 18 feet) near San Antonio, Texas

the righteous are in authority. [Proverbs 29:2]

Sheep: What are the requirements for citizenship?

Witness: Each citizen is required to have clean hands, pure heart, and humble mien. [Psalm 24:4; Micah 6:8]

Sheep: Is it a healthful place?

Witness: Indeed, yes. The Sun of righteousness shines upon the inhabitants with healing in His wings! [Isaiah 58:8; Jeremiah 30:17; Malachi 4:2]

Sheep: Do the people get along well with one another?

Witness: They surely do. You see they have but one way of doing and seeing things, and all are very willing, dwelling together in pleasant unity. [Jeremiah 32:39; Psalms 110:3; 133:1]

Sheep: Do we have to join anything to enter this city?

Witness: No. The Lord bids you seek Him and He will do the rest. [James 4:8; Amos 4:5; Zephaniah 2:3; Matthew 6:33]

Sheep: What does it cost to be admitted?

Witness: Admission to this beautiful city is entirely free to all loyal subjects of the Everlasting King. [Jeremiah 31:6-12; Isaiah 55:1]

Sheep: Then we will go with you—I and my house! [Zechariah 8:23; Joshua 24:15]

—Contributed by Pat Casey Green, Texas. (Don't you dare try to guess my church!)



At Convention time, 1939, Denver took solid comfort in the year text

"Justice" in Hubbard, Ohio

♦ Hubbard, Ohio, is in a bad way. Christian people cannot peaceably walk on the streets of that burg in an information march without going to jail for it. There was such a march on a day last summer. Tillie Williamson, Margaret Atsberger, Grace Eagin and Arthur G. Saylow testified that they saw certain people going down one side of the street and up the other, peaceably, without guns, without knives, without blackjacks, without clubs, without shillalabs, without shouting, without singing, without drums, without cymbals, without tambourines, without rocks, without bricks, without peculiar dress, without vile or profane language, without speech-making.

The witnesses could all remember well that the marchers had borne slogans reading, "Religion is a snare and a racket," but seemed to have to have it drawn to their attention that they also bore the exhortation "Serve God and Christ the King".

Counsel made it clear to the court that the ordinance is illegal. Under it the crowd emerging from a theater could be arrested for not having a parade permit; the same for children emerging from school; the same for persons emerging from churches or Sunday schools; the same for funerals; the same for vehicles of the fire department; the same for the Grand Army; the same for the Kiwanis, the Rotary, and the Boy Scouts; but all in vain. The bonehead on the bench fined McLenne \$25 and costs or a sentence in jail, and McLenne

was in the same situation as Christ before Pilate.

Of course, the real Judas in the case kept out of sight, but Tillie Williamson, Margaret Atsberger, Grace Eagin and Arthur G. Saylow and the police and magistrate of Hubbard, Ohio, probably know perfectly well who it is. Judas finally died with a peculiar collar around his neck. In the end it choked off his wind. The Judas in Hubbard, no doubt, has a peculiar collar, too.

Kingdom Joys in Alabama

♦ The car had broken down, and another one was loaned to the publisher to get to an adjoining town to wait for a car part to come from a larger city by bus. The time waiting for the part to come was spent in making back-calls in the town, and playing the "Government and Peace" lecture. At one place where a publisher had previously received an invitation to come back, the interested one listened to the lecture with the keenest interest, and at the conclusion, when Judge Rutherford called for all of those who are in favor of God's kingdom to say "Aye", the person of good will shouted out "Aye" and tears of joy filled her eyes. She readily took the book *Salvation* and the *Government and Peace* booklet, and asked that arrangements be made for her to be baptized. This was done, and on my turning to leave she said, "Don't leave until you have left me some of the books and booklets so that I can go in the service around my home. Even though I am crippled, walking on crutches since I was three years old, I can go two or three miles."

Truly this is the Lord's doing and is marvelous in our eyes.—Zone 3, Region 2.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers at Clinton, N. J.
(To be continued)

Baby Pacifists a School Problem



Homework Their Schoolwork

Ignace Homelouchi, Massachusetts dairy farmer, helps his children, Dominick, 14, Olga, 12, and Anna, 9, with studies after their dismissal from school for refusing to salute flag.

By MARTHA MARTIN

FOR nearly a decade the problem of how to handle baby pacifists—school children who refuse to salute the United States flag because their faith and their parents forbid it—has been bothering educational authorities.

Now a decision by the Third United States Circuit Court of Appeals, upholding the right to refuse to salute, has them more confused than ever.

It would seem that the federal decision would return to the public schools all of those children who have been expelled from their classrooms for refusing to salute the flag. But it doesn't. For in spite of the decision, Vivian Hering, 11, the Secaucus, N. J., public school from which she was dismissed seven years ago.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hering, are continuing the fight.

Ruling Supports Suit.
The federal decision does, however, lend some force to the \$175,000 suit which Cora M. Foster, teacher in the Lynn, Mass., public schools for 41 years, filed against the Mayor of Lynn and an school committee members service on March 11, 1936, for failure to salute the flag.

The latest case of this kind is that of Wanda, 14, and Geneva, 8, daughters of a traveling dairy engineer of Saugus, Mass. They were expelled from school on Tuesday for refusing to salute. Since then they have enrolled in Kingston School, Saugus, maintained by Jehovah's Witnesses.

In nearby Quincy, on March 6, Miss Elizabeth M. Graham, veteran teacher, was suspended for the same reason.



Left, Dorothy Leedes, whose father George, shown with her, fought fruitlessly to have her reinstated in Atlanta, Ga., school whence she was expelled for refusing to salute. At right, Robert (left) and Adrian Morgan of Fort Lee, N. J., admittedly fine boys, but expelled from high school over salutes.

Most of the flag salute opposition comes from members of Jehovah's Witnesses, a militantly pacifist sect which is forbidden by its doctrine "to worship any image, emblem, person or thing except God Himself." Each member believes that it is a sin "to salute, worship or do obedience to any image, emblem, person or thing save Almighty God."

The federal decision made in Philadelphia is the first important one upholding their beliefs. It rests on the cases of Lillian and William Goltis, 15 and 14 respectively, who four years ago were expelled from the Minersville, Pa., school. A District Court ruled that the school board was wrong. In June, 1938, this decision was upheld by Federal Judge Albert B. Maris. Now he has been upheld by the Federal Court of Appeals in a decision written by Justice William Clark, Justice John Biggs Jr., and Harry E. Kaloupek.

The court said: "The conscientious scruples of all men should be treated with great delicacy and tenderness. Reverence is manifestly something deeper than the law."

Highest courts of New Jersey, Massachusetts and Georgia, have not, in the past, decided as did Judge Clark. The Supreme Court has consistently refused to pass on the flag-salute cases on the ground that no substantial federal question is involved.

No state school boards have been more determined than New Jersey's that the baby pacifists and their parents shall be punished for their determination not to salute Old Glory. The Hering child is



Two of the Littlest Rebels

Carlton B. Nichols Jr. (left) was expelled from Lynn, Mass., school, not over flag salute law, but as "disciplinary measure." Gloria Johnson in picture at right, stands with arms at her sides as children give salute at Deerfield, Mass., where she has court permission to abstain.

only one of a dozen or more who have been kept from classes by refusal to salute.

Alma, and Vivian, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Hering, were expelled in 1932 when a teacher discovered that Vivian, then 4, was reciting the fifth verse of the 20th Psalm to herself while her classmates were saluting the flag. She said her parents told her to do so.

(The fifth verse of the 20th Psalm reads: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. The Lord fulfill all thy petitions.")

After their expulsion, the Hering children were sent to a teacher member of their sect. But in January, 1936, their father was fined \$10 for denying his daughters the right to education. It was held that their private tutoring was not enough.

Alma has become the bride of Henry Vogel, but Vivian is still a

schoolgirl—or would be if her parents could enter her in a class. Other "victims" of their religious beliefs are Daniel Morgan, of Fort Lee, N. J., and his three sons, Robert, 18, Adrian, 17, and Roger, 14.

Robert and Adrian were dismissed from the Fort Lee High School last Spring, although Robert lacked only thirty days more schooling to get his diploma. When their father—a former United States machine gun battery sergeant who was wounded at Solomons in the World War—upheld them, he lost his position as a state motor vehicle inspector. Recently, Roger, his third son, was expelled from the same school.

Morgan isn't the first parent to lose his job in upholding his faith and his children.

George Leedes, a naturalized Greek of Atlanta, Ga., was forced to sell his hat-cleaning shop which was picked by members of the Ku Klux Klan after his daughter, Dorothy, 12, a sixth-grader, refused to salute the flag.

George spent more than \$500 of his own money fighting Dorothy's case before the Atlanta Board of Education, the Superior Court, and the Georgia Supreme Court. It was to no avail.

"To salute the flag is no more an act of worship than to salute a friend. To pay taxes to the Government is not to pay tribute in religious worship to the Government," declared Judge John D. Humphreys sustaining the Board of Education.

Leedes is now engaged on a commission to back in soliciting dry cleaning and other work for Atlanta laundries. Dorothy and her sisters attend a "Kingdom Come" school which was founded by her sect after her dismissal. There is no tuition. It is supported by contributions from members.

Miss Foster became a teacher in one of these private religious schools in Saugus Court, Mass., after her expulsion. Her seven students include Carlton B. Nichols Jr.

primary measure." The Massachusetts Supreme Court upheld this action.

Massachusetts, unlike adamant New Jersey, has wavered in its decision over what to do with the baby pacifists.

In 1939, Dominick, 14, Olga, 12, and Anna, 9, children of Ignace Homelouchi, a dairy farmer, were dismissed by the public school board of Belchertown, Mass. In May, 1937, their father was prosecuted for not providing proper schooling. He was then fined a total of \$80. The children were ordered to attend the Hampden Training School, a type of reform school.

Instead, however, the two youngsters were placed in Miss Foster's school at Saugus Center.

The school board at Deerfield, Mass., was less determined in its actions against William, Dorothy, and Gloria Johnson, children of H. O. Johnson, a farmer.

School Board Reverts.
These children were first expelled in October, 1933. The next month their father's challenge of the constitutionality of Massachusetts' flag law was dismissed by three judges in Federal Court in Boston.

But in February, 1935, a Deerfield District judge acquitted Johnson of the charge of not providing for the education of his children. The school board reinstated, too. The children were reinstated and so stand at attention with their hands at their sides while the rest of the children recite the flag oath.

New York jurists have argued the salute case with almost as many changes of heart as the Massachusetts authorities.

In November, 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sandstrom of Lake Ronkonkoma, were convicted by a jury of keeping their daughter, Grace, 13, from school. Like the other children mentioned in this story, she had been sent home from school for failure to salute.

The Sandstroms appealed the jury verdict. Judge L. Barron Hill of the Suffolk County Court upheld their conviction.

They appealed again. In January, 1932, the New York State Court of Appeals absolved the Sandstroms but held Grace liable. It said she must either salute or remain away from public school.

This seemed definite enough. It reveals that all in confusion again.

The circulation of the New York SUNDAY NEWS is said to be about 3,500,000 copies. So this is not a bad advertisement of the children's witnessing in the public schools, on the flag-salute issue. The U. S. Supreme Court will hear this cause about last week in April.

SUPREME COURT AGREES TO RULE ON FLAG SALUTE

Will Review Decision Holding Children Have Right to Refuse to Salute

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed today to review a circuit court decision holding that children have a right to refuse to salute the American flag at the opening of school sessions.

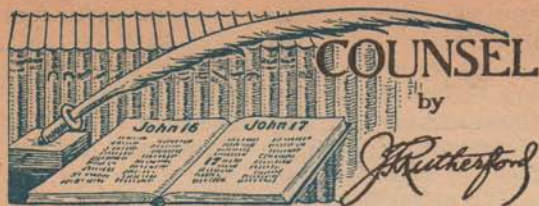
Adopted by Board.
The litigation involved validity of a resolution adopted by the Minersville (Pa.) school board.

Two children—Lillian Goltis, 15, and William Goltis, 10—were expelled after they refused to salute. Their refusal was contrary to the law of God and constituted bowing down to a graven image.

Their refusal was sustained by the Federal Circuit Court at Philadelphia. The court ruled that "70 or at least doubtful efficacy" in teaching loyalty to the Nation.

Previously, the tribunal had refused to review similar cases appealed from Georgia, California, New Jersey and Massachusetts. In each case, lower courts had upheld the flag-salute requirement.

Every true American detests enforced patriotism and legal oppression of children; pretended fright at Communism; using the flag to cloak activities of scoundrels; invasion of rights of worship and of freedom of speech; parading Fascism; and regimentation of America to the pitiful levels of Germany, Italy and Russia; humorless, stupid attempts at uniformity; coercion of conscience; pretended rights to regulate even the minds of others; exaltation of military powers and emblems; making it easy for traitors to claim ultra-patriotism; breaking down the American school system; glorifying drumming and goose-stepping; denying education to little folks; making hypocrites of them; grossly insulting everything for which the flag stands; seeking to override constitutional rights; making the flag a rag.



New World's King at the Temple

IN A.D. 29 He was anointed with power from on high to be the King, at the time of His immersion in the chief river of the Holy Land, the Jordan. Three and one-half years later, or, to wit, in the spring of A.D. 33, He rode as King, attended by a great multitude of people of good will, into the unfaithful city of Jerusalem, and straightway went to the temple there and cleaned out of it the commercial religionists. Shortly thereafter a great trial and test came upon the King's faithful adherents and supporters when the King's work on earth was stopped temporarily by death and His supporters were scattered. The third day after His death the Supreme One raised His anointed King out of the grave. Forty days thereafter the King ascended on high, going off to a "far country", even the presence of God in heaven itself, there "to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" and then set up the Kingdom, even as He had told His faithful supporters before He left them. At that time also He comes to the greater temple, the spiritual temple of God the great Theocratic Ruler.

Since the Lord, the King, Christ Jesus, is invisible to man, He being now a divine spirit impossible for man to see and live, His second coming is invisible. He said to His faithful apostles: "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more." (John 14:19) Therefore proof of His coming to the true temple of Jehovah God must be made by evidence other than that which can be seen with natural eyes. Also the time of His coming must be determined by the evidence of related physical facts, based upon God's revealed Word of prophecy.

When God took away from His typical theocracy (the nation of the Jews) the right to rule He stated then that this would be for a fixed time, until the coming of the One whose right it is to rule, and that to Him He would give that right and power. At Ezekiel 21:27 He announced concerning the rulership: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it

shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." Although the Lord Jesus possessed all power and authority from the time of His resurrection, it would seem to be inconsistent for Him to exercise that power against the enemy's organization of the Gentile nations on earth until the "times of the Gentiles" expired, as marked by a world war.—Luke 21:24.

In harmony with this one of the King's supporters wrote: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting [waiting] till his enemies be made his footstool." (Hebrews 10:12, 13) King David of Jerusalem had written centuries before that: "The LORD [Jehovah] said unto my Lord [Christ], Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."—Psalm 110:1.

The Bible proof is that the "times of the Gentiles" should continue 2520 years, from Jerusalem's first destruction, in B.C. 606, and ended in the autumn of A. D. 1914. That should mark the time when Christ Jesus assumed His power to reign, in fulfillment of prophecy. At that time He must become active in the midst of His enemies, as foretold at Psalm 110:2. Then the Gentile nations would become angry and a great world war would follow, attended by famines, earthquakes, pestilences, and thereafter "distress of nations, with perplexity".—See Revelation 11:17, 18; Matthew 24:7-22.

The events that took place at His first coming as a man find a parallel in the events of His second coming as a divine spirit, invisible to human eyes, to oust Satan the invisible "prince of this world". The Scriptural evidence is clear that the Lord Jesus was anointed as King and began preaching the Kingdom in the autumn season of A.D. 29. In the spring of 33, or three and a half years after His anointing to the Kingdom, Jesus presented himself to the Jews as their King but was rejected by them as King. At the same time He entered the temple at Jerusalem and began to cleanse it. (See Matthew 21:1-13.) About the same time God, through Christ Jesus, formally cast off that nation and its house of religion.—Matthew 23:38, 39.

The Gentile Times ended in the autumn of A.D. 1914. The evidence is quite conclusive that here the Lord Jesus Christ, in obedience to God's command, stood up and began to exercise His power. (Consult Daniel 12:1;

Psalm 110:1, 2; Revelation 11:17-19; Matthew 24:3, 7, 8.) If we are warranted in applying the rule of parallel events, as to features and time, then we should expect the Lord to come to the great spiritual temple of God three and one-half years after assuming the Kingdom, to wit, in the spring of A.D. 1918. If this is true, then we should expect also to find evidence that the Lord there began to cleanse that antitypical temple; and that shortly thereafter "Christendom", which is the modern counterpart of unfaithful Jerusalem, would be completely rejected by the Lord as doomed to destruction at the battle of Armageddon.

In the autumn of 1914 the nations became angry. The World War came, followed quickly by famine, pestilence and earthquakes. Then occurred persecution of Christians, the people of Jehovah God, and other events foretold by the Great Prophet as marking the end of Satan's world or uninterrupted rule. That was the time, as shown by the inspired Scriptures, when the new world's King would take His power and begin His reign. The date parallels exactly with the time when He began His royal ministry at His first coming. Three and one-half years after the autumn of 1914, to wit, in the spring of 1918, there came upon the consecrated people of Jehovah God a great fiery trial at the instigation of religionists who used the World War as a timely occasion against those true Christians. This came exactly in harmony with the prophecy of Malachi as to what would occur when the Lord Jesus as the great Messenger of Jehovah God comes to His temple.—Read Malachi 3:1-3; also Matthew 24:9-13.

In harmony with this the apostle Peter says that judgment must begin at the house of God, His temple. (1 Peter 4:17) The real purpose of the judgment is that the ones who are found approved and cleansed or refined should thereafter offer unto the Lord God an offering in righteousness by serving as witnesses for Jehovah and for His Theocracy by Christ Jesus. The trial that came upon those connected with the temple of God in the spring of 1918 was a very severe one. Some of God's consecrated ones were arrested and cast into prison. Some who had been engaged in the Lord's service, professing full consecration to Him, conspired with the religionists as enemies of the truth and betrayed their brethren, even as Jesus foretold would be done. (Matthew 24:10) In the face of the World War conditions

and persecutions others became fearful and fled from giving an open witness to the Lord. Others separated themselves into sects claiming to be followers of Christ Jesus, yet refused to have any further part in the service of announcing Jehovah's Theocratic Government by Christ Jesus.

Thereafter when the political and commercial powers brought forth the League of Nations, then the professed temple of God or organized religion became the advocate of that League and hailed it as "the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth", and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy climbed up on top of the arrangement and reined in its actions, as in the case of Japan's attack on China, and the Italian conquest of Ethiopia, and the overthrow of the Spanish republic by the Fascists and Nazis. Thus they denied the coming of the Lord and His theocratic kingdom to bless the people of good will on earth, and openly allied themselves with the enemy Satan's scheme. Thus organized religion of "Christendom" is proved to be a snare and a racket, and is doomed to everlasting destruction at the battle of Armageddon, just as Jerusalem was destroyed not long after the King Christ Jesus rejected the Jewish nation.

There are many other facts in proof, but so far as the facts cited appear they conclusively meet the requirements of the prophecy. These facts are known by all people of good will to be true, and known to be in harmony with the prophecy. Therefore they may be taken as competent and reliable evidence establishing the fact that Christ Jesus, as the Representative of the great Theocratic Ruler Jehovah, came to His temple in the spring of the year 1918. Armageddon now impends, and it is time for all people of good will to hear and attend unto the Kingdom message. "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."—Habakkuk 2:20.

Half the World's Chemicals

◆ Dr. C. M. A. Stine, in an address at Miami Beach, Florida, before a prewar committee of one hundred leading industrialists, scientists and publicists, declared that the United States is today producing half the chemicals of the world, can take its own nitrates from the air, manufacture a substitute for rubber that is better than rubber itself, make its own camphor, and shortly will have a silk, nylon, that will be equal to that produced by nature.

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A Tough Metal

◆ A new metal, within two-tenths of one percent as hard as diamonds, the hardest known substance, has been produced by a Pennsylvania metallurgical chemist. The new metal is composed of tungsten (used in electric light filaments), titanium (used as a pigment in white paint), and carbon. With this new metal alloys have been made so hard that they withstand pressure of three hundred thousand pounds a square inch. The new metal has been used to make valves for deep oilwell pumps where there is tremendous wear. Two such valves have been driven together by a pneumatic hammer 600 times a minute, at 25 pounds for each blow, without showing appreciable wear after an hour and 45 minutes of hammering.—*Australian Consolation.*

Advances in Oil Treatment

◆ Such advances have been made in America in the cracking of oils that in 1938 the demand was filled with less than half of the crude oil that would have been required under previous treatment. There are now being recovered from once abandoned oil fields greater amounts of oil than the fields originally produced. Even though the treachery of United States militarists did put American engines into the German planes, Germany has not at present either the oil supply or the aviation experience available in the western world, accessible to Britain.

Samples from the Sea Bottom

◆ A new device drives an open-end ten-foot can deep into the sea bottom, even when six miles below the surface. Samples of the sea bottom are then brought to surface, and disclose, as might be expected, that the ocean bottom is a treasure house wherein are stored rare ores and many other things of great interest and value to man.

Radium and Cancer

◆ Sir Leonard Hill, London surgeon, thinks all the radium now buried for security from bombing might better be left buried. He states that radium in an intensity sufficient to produce an effect is always harmful and that its use for the treatment of cancer has resulted in many cases of intolerable and unrelievable neuralgia.

The Mass-Spectograph

◆ The mass-spectograph, which some misinformed newspapermen and others have associated with the so-called "divining rod", is a scientific instrument for weighing atoms, and is so sensitive that it will weigh and analyze a quantity of gas no larger than a pinhead. It is used to locate oil deposits, on the principle that very small quantities of gas rise to the surface above every such deposit, even though it be two miles underground.

Evolution Idiotic

◆ For man to have descended from the ape would require millions of years and 100 links; and of such there is no record or trace. Life can produce life only after its own kind, from creation till now. Grass can never produce a tree, and if in any way the body of a man is to be made from a single living cell, the mind of the Creator, as well as the fashioning hand, must be present every step of the way.—Dr. A. T. Schofield, in an address at the Victorian Institute, London.

Odd Jumping of Sound Waves

◆ An improved barograph, used in California, throws some light on the odd jumping of sound waves. Cannonading will occasionally shake doors and windows 200 miles away and be unnoticed fifty miles nearer the scene of action. Probably the sound waves strike the electrical ring surrounding the earth at such an angle as to be reflected more readily to distant points than to those nearer the point of origin.

Fireflies Burn Sugar

◆ The light that glows from the firefly is caused by the burning of sugar, and when a little more sugar is added to the diet of the firefly the fire is a little brighter. This light, 97-percent efficient, is eight times as efficient as the most powerful lighting mechanism known to man.

A New Use for Silver

◆ A new use for silver has been found in its inclusion to the extent of one percent in stainless steels. The new steels are practically immune to pit corrosion, which has been one of the principal defects of stainless steels hitherto.



"The Holy Souls"

◆ If you did not know the truth that "the dead know not any thing", that when a man dies "his thoughts perish", and that there is no hope for any except in a resurrection of the dead, you would be considerably impressed by the way in which texts that have no possible relation to the state of the dead are strung together to support the "purgatory" racket.

A little book on the subject, 24 pages, put out by the Paulist Press, says that "the souls in Purgatory, the Church suffering, constitutes one great division of the Universal Church of God. It is the realm of darkness and suffering". Match this with the Scripture statement that "Neither work, nor reason, nor wisdom, nor knowledge *shall* be in hell, whither thou art hastening".—Ecclesiastes 9:10, Roman Catholic Douay Version.

It says, "No one on earth can love God so perfectly as these Holy Souls now love Him, because none see Him so clearly." What a horrible idea, that Almighty God gets any satisfaction out of seeing poor creatures that love him so "perfectly" suffer more than here.

If they are perfect in love, then why must they remain in "purgatory"?—1 John 5:18, 19.

It also says, "The Catholic Church does not teach us anything definite, either about the nature or the duration of the pains of purgatory." Then why be so fresh about selling indulgences with a hundred days off for this, and a hundred for that?

The little book refers to "the angelic purity and patience which they display in the midst of their pain" and that these "are all insufficient to ward off one drop of that fiery torrent". How come the writers to know all this?

There is a hint that "when God gets them into 'Purgatory'" the only ones that can do anything for them are the priests; for "all their patience and love are without the slightest merit in the sight of God: the little things they once did were precious before God, but the great things they now suffer are as nothing". How did they find that out? Did God tell them so on the side?

The Misused Texts

The misused texts are Revelation 2:23, "I will give unto every one of you according to your works." This has no reference to "Purgatory". God is not waiting to "give" it to somebody when He gets them where they cannot help themselves.

Malachi 3:2: "He is like a refiner's fire" applies now (since 1918) and in this life, not in a "purgatorial" existence. The same text says, "He is like fullers' sope." Most certainly the people in "Purgatory" have no use for soap.

Hebrews 10:31: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" and to thus go into destruction. This has no reference to "Purgatory".

Matthew 12:36: "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render an account for it" does not mean that it will be fried out on a hot griddle. There is no question that most men decide their eternal destinies by their words, their expressions, what use they make of their knowledge of God.

Hebrews 12:6: "He scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." The scourging is in this life, not in "Purgatory" hereafter.

Luke 12:47, 48: "Beaten with many stripes" or "beaten with few stripes" also takes place in this life, not in the hereafter. Men are responsible for the use they make of their knowledge. They are also responsible for unwillingness to acquire the knowledge they might have had.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15: "He himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" is also a reference to experiences in this life. This has no reference to "fiery experiences" beyond this life. The meaning is that it is hard to frankly admit mistakes. Thus, it was a great mistake to suppose and to teach that one man was "the faithful and wise servant". It led to fiery trials for many.

Psalms 41:2-4: "My tears have been my bread day and night." This refers to experiences of sorrow in this life, not in a future one.

Matthew 5:25, 26: "Thou shalt not go out from thence [the prison] till thou repay the last farthing." That is merely another way of pronouncing the judgment of everlasting destruction. The debtor will never be able to pay, and will remain forever in death.

Matthew 7:2: "With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again." This takes place in this life, not in the future.

Thus all the "Purgatory" texts disappear.

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"Purgatory" is not mentioned in any of them. There is no such place. It is all a terrible hoax and a racket besides being a horrible blasphemy against God's holy name.

La Guardia's Eyes Opening

◆ When it was first suggested to Mayor La Guardia that many New York policemen are members of "Reverend Father" Coughlin's "Christian Front" organization, committed to taking over the United States Government by bullets instead of ballots, he made light of it, but at length was pressed into sending out 16,903 questionnaires to members of the force to find out where they stood. Six refused to answer, 27 admitted they were still members, and 407 admitted that they had been members, but stated that they had withdrawn. In a subsequent statement the mayor said:

The immaturity of the young men arrested, their visionary plan to overturn the government, all indicate that some master mind, or minds, not yet disclosed, were working on these young men and the membership of these various organizations, encouraging and inducing them to wrongdoing, disloyal and criminal acts.

Mayor La Guardia knows perfectly well the "master mind, or minds," back of the attempted breaking up of the huge Christian assembly in Madison Square Garden on June 25, 1939. The newspapers of the time admitted it, and 1,000,000 copies of *Kingdom News* No. 4 were circulated in New York city, particularly calling the attention of Mayor La Guardia to his own remissness and that of his Roman Catholic police in not protecting the speaker and the audience on that occasion. But his administration arrested and prosecuted those that actually did the work the police were requested to do, and which it was their duty to do, and which they flatly refused to do.

Big Advertisement for Lourdes

◆ It was a big advertisement for the Lourdes grotto when it received Fred S. Snite, Jr., and he was immersed in the cold water for a half hour. But it would have been a bigger one if he had been healed, which he was not. All the papers could say was that he had found "peace and spiritual strength". That is a simon-pure evasion. He went to Lourdes in his iron lung and came back in it. If the Lord were doing the healing at Lourdes nobody would go there a helpless cripple and come back in the same condition as when he went. The Lord does not do things that way.

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Can Hitler Conquer America?

◆ Pierre Van Paassen, one of the best-posted newspapermen in the world, born in The Netherlands, but a British subject, thinks it quite possible that Hitler can conquer America, and has put his reasons in a remarkable article in the *Liberty* magazine for February 17, 1940. He looks for Germany to get all the wheat and oil it needs from Rumania and Russia; for Japan to seize the Dutch East Indies and thus obtain its own supply of oil and other necessities; for German forces to march through The Netherlands and Switzerland for the conquering of France by land while Britain is to be destroyed by air. German and Japanese aviators would destroy the Panama Canal, and the rest would be easy. Van Paassen does not mention the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in this world-plan, but that is really the key to it. It will be observed that the objectives are the few remaining Protestant countries, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Britain, and the United States, and that the combine against them would be Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan, all objects of tender Vatican solicitude.

The Japanese "Holy Year"

◆ On February 11, 1940, the Japanese government inaugurated a "Holy Year", after the manner of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's "Holy Year" of 1933, later extended to 1934. None of these years have been or are holy. They have all been and are as full of the spirit of the Devil as an egg is full of meat. The Japanese emperor wanted all his subjects to "answer to the divine spirits" of his imperial ancestors. It is just too bad, but his imperial ancestors did not have any divine spirits; they are dead; they know not anything. These are the teachings of God's Word. They contradict the teachings of the Japanese emperor and of all other religionists, including President Roosevelt and Myron C. Taylor and the pope.

Priests Use This Argument, Too

◆ Said Manton, in his appeal to the United States Supreme Court, from the decision which found him guilty of selling decisions of his courts to litigants who could assist him financially:

From a broad viewpoint it serves no public policy for a high judicial officer to be convicted of a judicial crime. It tends to destroy the confidence of the people in the courts.

"Approved in Principle"

◆ No one can deny that when President Roosevelt sent Myron C. Taylor as his personal ambassador to the pope it was in all essentials a union of church and state, for the reason that Taylor is to be paid out of public funds. When representatives of the Baptist, Lutheran and Seventh-Day Adventist denominations called on the president and stated that they objected to any union of church and state he told them that he appreciated their position and approved in principle their position. *The Truth Seeker* says caustically that this statement is mere Jesuitic demagoguery and "so might a swindling merchant caught in weighting his scales reply that in principle he approves of sixteen ounces to the pound".

The Madonna of Bourguillon

◆ Maybe you have never heard of the Madonna of Bourguillon. But it seems that she is a person of considerable prominence in Switzerland; so important, in fact, that the "Most Reverend" bishop of Geneva recited the following prayer to the lady. It seems that this business of praying to women is widespread.

"We beseech thee, O Mother, to protect our country once more and to obtain from thy Divine Son the peace of which we have such. We place ourselves in thy hands and promise thee absolute fidelity. We consecrate to thee all those who are dear to us, our living and our dead, ourselves, our families, our parishes and our army, the sentinel of our independence and of our liberty."

How Come?

◆ A dispatch from Washington states that "of the white workers in the Chicago stock yards 98 percent are members of the Catholic church". That may be true, and in view of the fact that only 20 percent of the American people are Catholics one wonders just *why* it should be true, and *why* it is that people who eat no meat on Friday should have a virtual monopoly of preparing the meat for others who eat less fish.

Coughlin Losing Influence

◆ "Reverend Father" Coughlin, once designated by his friends as the "Savior of America", seems to be losing influence. At one time his followers could deluge Congress with telegrams and letters and seriously affect legislation. Now it is all in vain. The last time it was tried (on the embargo question) the influence exerted by the usual sheaf of telegrams was almost nil, and the result actually so.

Coughlin's "Christian Front"

◆ In the July 31, 1939, issue of his paper "Social Justice" "Reverend Father" Coughlin carried screaming headlines "Christian Front Carries Fight Into More States"; and, in the August 7 issue of the same paper, said, "The place for you, as a Christian, is on the Christian Front." In *The Commonwealth* (Catholic weekly journal) appeared the admission:

Father Coughlin, *The Brooklyn Tablet*, *Social Justice* and their many abettors and sympathizers must bear the direct responsibility for the plight of these 17 young men. For months *The Tablet's* correspondence columns have been the free public forum for the national director of the group, John F. Cassidy.

None Out and None In

◆ *The Brooklyn Tablet* is authority for the statement that—

In the four centuries of its existence, the Protestant church has failed to produce even one "saint" in any of its numerous branches, and the same will be said after another 400 years if the Protestant church still exists, because the Catholic church has a monopoly of "saints".

That makes it an even 100 percent, and hearing no objections, and the vote being unanimous, the motion stands as read. Religion and Christianity are opposites, and there are no saints in the Catholic religion or in any other religion.

What's This? What's This?

◆ What is all this story from Rome about the pope's losing things? First he loses one of his cuff links. It dropped off; one of his devotees swiped it, and then sent him anonymously a 1,000-lire (\$52.62½) bill to recompense him. And the next story is that only a few days later he lost his so-called "Ring of the Fisherman". It dropped into the mitt of another devotee who had just kissed his hand. The pope missed it, and a few minutes later the man gave it back. Good boy.

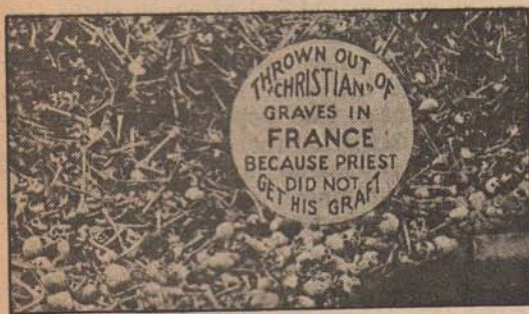
Repented While in the Air

◆ The *London Catholic Universe* tells how "The Cure d'Ars" informed a woman whose husband had suicided that her husband had repented between the top of the bridge and the water into which he plunged, and so had landed in "Purgatory" all O.K. All she would have to do would be to cough up the proper amount. He explained that it was "the most Holy Virgin" that had fixed this up for the suicide (and the priest).

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◆ The history of the last thousand years tells us that wherever the Church of Rome is not a dagger to pierce the bosom of a free nation, she is a stone to her neck and a ball to her feet, to paralyze her and prevent her advancement in the ways of civilization, science, intelligence, happiness and liberty. Though not a prophet, I see a very dark cloud on our horizon. And that dark cloud is coming from Rome. It is filled with tears of blood. It will rise and increase till its flanks will be torn by a flash of lightning, followed by a fearful peal of thunder. Then a cyclone, such as the world has never seen, will pass over this country, spreading ruin and desolation from North and South. After it is over, there will be long days of peace and prosperity; for popery, with its Jesuits and merciless Inquisition, will have been for ever swept from our country.—Abraham Lincoln, 1861. Sixteenth president of the United States.—From *The Golden Age* No. 28, October 13, 1920, page 6.



On the edge of a French cemetery for poor Catholics. Find father or mother.

The Public Schools of Ontario

◆ The Roman Catholic *Canadian Freeman* stated that "the Ontario public school system is all wrong", that it is "responsible for training hosts of infidels" and slaughtering the souls of countless children, etc., etc., and then the figures were published that in 1933, in proportion to the population, there were three and a half times as many Roman Catholic-trained children brought before the Juvenile Court as of other faiths. In Ontario, in the same year, there were, in proportion to the population, almost five times as many in jail. Those trained in parochial schools would not even know how to figure out these proportions.

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Still Using the Scarecrow

◆ Are we, then, bound to go on fighting until a prostrate Germany lies like a doormat over which Bolshevism may march to the Rhine and the Alps? Is there nothing beyond the alternatives of a Nazi Germany and a Bolshevik Germany? A Berlin under the control of Moscow has for years seemed to me as nearly certain as any future political event can be, but that does not exclude the possibility of a Catholic Confederation extending from the Rhineland to the Carpathians, leagued with and supported by a Catholic Italy, a Catholic Spain, a Catholic Portugal and (for miracles do happen) a France under Catholic leadership again at last.

Can we hope for a further miracle of grace that would bring to so unmistakably Catholic a league against State atheism the backing, if not the membership, of Great Britain?—F. R. Hoare, in the *London Catholic Herald*.

"Supreme Tact"

◆ Our task is to think out the lines of a European settlement in which the great Powers can wield influence proportionate to their strength, culture, territory, and in which the smaller Powers can be guaranteed the greatest possible amount of independence and genuine protection from their greater neighbors.

The invasion by Russia, let us be clear, has altered the whole situation. Europe must as soon as possible find a way of settling her problems and uniting on a realistic basis. Italy, Spain, the smaller neutrals, they are all asking for this. If anything, Germany should be helped, not hindered. Half Germany already sympathizes with us in such a task. But supreme tact is needed.—*London Catholic Herald*.

American Youth Congress

◆ The influences which dominate the American Youth Congress seem quite clear. At one point, in their congress in New York city, Gael Sullivan (guess his "church"), assistant to Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago (guess his "church"), made a dramatic address boasting the man in the White House and orating against political and civic corruption. When he had finished, a young man from Brooklyn rose and suggested that he was shocked that advice of this kind would come from Chicago, where corruption is even more advanced than in New York. That was as far as he got, and friends of Sullivan and Kelly booed and cat-called so that he could say no more.

Honest Editor Quits



Dr. Salvador Martinez Lovo, editor of the El Salvador Catholic weekly *Criterio*, resigned his position rather than publish the lies of Italian and Spanish priests who had insisted that the weekly should justify Germany's conduct in Poland. This very plainly shows that the Vatican was really back of the Hitler-Stalin deal for the division of Poland.

Campaign Against Free Speech

◆ In its campaign against free speech in the United States the Roman Catholic Hierarchy bobbed up in Massachusetts where Flaherty (guess his "church") introduced a bill proposing cancellation of citizenship and deportation of naturalized citizens who advise or support or are members of any organization, association, society or group that advises, advocates or teaches principles of government based in whole or in part upon opposition to or discrimination against individuals of any religious creed. If this bill should pass, and anybody should object to persons' holding office who teach that they have the right to murder people who teach differently, he could be punished under the law.

The Perfect Hypocrisy

◆ The perfect hypocrisy of Cardinal Villeneuve and the Quebec police in their war against what they are pleased to term "Communism" is well illustrated in the total seizure of literature on one occasion, when there was taken from its owner 489 gospels in French, 24 gospels in English, 1 French Bible, 1 French New Testament, 1 English-French dictionary, 20 French tracts and 1 English chorus book. The cardinal is scared stiff that the people might learn something and he might have his racket shrivel.

The Lost Rake-off

◆ At Montreal the relatives of a woman who had been out of the Roman Catholic sect for seven years entered her home, after her death, and attempted to work the old gag that they had a paper signed by her before her death that she had turned Roman Catholic. They demanded her body, so that it might be buried in Roman Catholic ground, and thus the "church" would get the usual rake-off. In this instance the husband called the police and the noisy relatives had to beat a retreat. The funeral and interment were conducted according to his wishes.

Vatican Propaganda in Britain

◆ The idea that Germany, or at least Westphalia and possibly the Rhine provinces, will shortly have a Catholic monarch who will build up a new and more truly "great" Germany is held by a number of people who have read (at great risk of severe punishment) a cyclo-styled circular recently issued in the West of the Reich.

This circular contains a set of verses originally issued from the Monastery of Kollin, in Brandenburg, in the twelfth century.

These verses are of a prophetic character and foretell that in the latter days a great war shall arise. The Kaiser shall leave the land. Then, although it is a time of peace, yet it is unrestful. A man from the humble ranks of life shall rise to the highest position. He will have one success after another.

Germany will be known as "Great Germany". There will be few Jews remaining in the land. When the leader of Great Germany is at the pinnacle of his power he will do something that will bring about a new World War, at the end of which Great Germany will be annihilated.

After that a new small Germany will arise which, under a Catholic monarch, will achieve true greatness. The pope, who will be one who does much for the cause of peace, will not long have reigned and will, under pressure of circumstances, leave Rome.—From the Hague Correspondent of the London *Catholic Herald*.

Spanish Inquisition Progressing

◆ The Spanish Inquisition is progressing nicely. With the same high-minded disposition as Torquemada, Franco required every person who was loyal to the Spanish Republic, and served in the Spanish army, to appear before a military tribunal to explain why he was loyal, instead of disloyal, like Franco himself. The same rule applies to all civil servants of the government, and even concierges of apartment houses. Naturally, the cowardly squeal on others and the results are all that even Hitler could wish. Armageddon will settle it all for ever. In the meantime Spain is short of wheat, olive oil, dried vegetables and sugar, which are the principal foods of the common people. The British Catholic who started all this by illegally flying a plane to Franco, so he could start the rebellion, merits contempt equal to that of Franco himself.

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Humanity's Blackout

Prayers of Blasphemy

◆ (Missouri)—Civilized nations are preparing for war, which means that the picked young men of the race will soon be brutally, coldly and deliberately dragged from their loved ones by gold-braided general staffs, and marched into the slaughtering pen where bayonets gleam, cannons roar, bullets whizz, tanks mash, bombs explode, and gas steals—into no man's land where blood spurts, entrails drag, bones snap, jaws vanish, bowels are slashed, faces are mutilated, throats are cut, eyes are blinded, ears are deafened, heads are decapitated, brains are blown out, arms and legs are blown off, and bodies are blown to bits—and where billions of flies swarm over the bloating, bulging and befouling corpses of dead young men who but a few days before were the living flowers of the human race.

At the rear, the flower of womanhood will be compelled to strap quivering stumps, unwrap mufflers from gaping wounds, pull bandages out of empty eye sockets, remove coat sleeves from the cavity of missing stomachs, wash tangled entrails mixed with mud and gore, smell the sickening odor of gangrene, see young men gasping for breath with lungs eaten out by poison gas, hear the scream of those whose faces and bodies are burned with fire, and to know that some mangled bodies will survive, only to endure a living death.

The clergy will preach "eloquent" sermons about the "honor and glory of war", and mouth sweet nothings to the deluded soldiers about the "blessed privilege" of 'laying down his life for his friends', and the "joy" of being a Christian killer in the army of the Lord,

with the cross of Jesus going on before the butchery, "in the war to end war." The clergy of opposing armies will thumb the same Bible, try to break into the same heaven, and dodge the same hell, yet each will petition ferocious prayers to the same Universal Father to bring victory to their troops, and destruction, and defeat and death to their enemies.

Think of a church praying for the safety and success of its members as they sneak out of filthy dugouts at night bent upon a murdering expedition, and crawl through rusty barbed wire entanglements and drop into slimy hell holes to throw deadly "iron pineapples" at other church members, who have been similarly prayed for in the army of the enemy. What does a smelling and swelling carcass filled with boring maggots and worms care about this kind of brotherhood? All prayers for victory and carnage are a horrible blasphemy upon the God of Life.

—Edward Kuper, in *The Truth Finder*.



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Business Cut in Half

◆ Normal business was cut in half with the outbreak of the new war. At least that inference may be drawn from the fact that before the war Uncle Sam sent 11,600 sacks of mail to Europe every week, and after the war got under way only 6,600 sacks.

"Class of 1940"

◆ In 1919, in the London *Daily Herald*, cartoonist Will Dyson pictured the four elder statesmen emerging from Versailles with a little child standing behind the doorway crying bitterly, and marked with the letters "Class of 1940". A true prediction.

New Jersey

Pinning the Medal on Coughlin



I am a Jew and proud of it. Religion serves man and attempts to please man. Christianity seeks to please God. The Constitution says that every man possesses the right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience. In Jersey City and adjoining towns a modern dictator instructs his magistrates who act under his direction and must obey or lose their jobs. There no Christian, no Jehovah's witness, can go from place to place and even invite you to come to a public meeting without being subject to arrest. A Communist has as much right to free speech as any religious speaker who has caused so much damage with his babbling that many of our large radio chains refuse him the time on the air.—"Non-Partisan," in the *Atlantic City Press*.

Twenty-eighth Radium Victim Dies

◆ That radium is no cure for cancer, or for anything else, ought to be clear to any who reflect on the awful fate that has so far overtaken young women who painted radium signs during 1917-1925. Every one of these young women is either dead or dying. The twenty-eighth recently passed away at Hillside. The women were each given \$10,000 cash, annual pension of \$600, and annual medical allowances of \$600, and were told there is no hope for any of them.

Odd Job in Instrument Making

◆ For fifty years Miss Mary Pfeifer, Hoboken, has been winding spider threads for surveying telescopes manufactured by instrument makers of her city. The best threads come from spiders captured in fields, barns and pigstys. The house spider does not spin a thread fine enough or elastic enough for the work. Each spider is used but once, because spiders will not eat in captivity.

Italian Government Lottery

◆ It seems that the Italian Government lottery has been collecting some \$2,500,000 annually in the United States, despite the fact that in America lotteries are illegal and the mails are closed to them. It so happened that the principal office of the lottery in America,

which chanced to be in Newark, found it was going to have to pay out \$400,000 in one week. That would have busted the bank anyway; so the police were tipped off, the place was raided, and the bets for that week were not paid. Not a bad way of getting out of a jam. And do you expect the managers of a lottery to be square with the public?

Too Close to WBBR

◆ Too close to radio station WBBR to make a living at his former religious racket a minister gave it up and got a job on the WPA. Then he disappeared from home and his wife went to the police to report the facts. The desk sergeant said, "Of course, you are very anxious to have your husband back?" Whereupon he received the astonishing reply, "Oh, not particularly. I don't care whether he comes back or not, but I want my bicycle that he rode away on. It helped me to reduce from 300 to 180 pounds and I have got to get off some more." This happened in Bayonne.

McFeelys Good to One Another

◆ The McFeelys of Hoboken are good to one another. Mayor McFeely always awards the contract for ash and garbage collection to the James J. McFeely, Inc., concern of which his brother is the president. Mary McFeely, his sister, is the treasurer of the company. Joseph B. McFeely, his nephew, is the manager of the company. Edward McFeely, his brother, is chief of police. He has three nephews on the police force. Bernard McFeely is a captain, and Dennis McFeely and Edward McFeely are lieutenants. Guess the "church" of the McFeelys.

Within Five Feet of Death

◆ At Wildwood a lion, which had spent the summer riding in a sidecar of a motorcycle as a woman drove the machine around a motorcycle drum until it was almost perpendicular to the side, escaped from its cage, killed a Japanese salesman that was about to enter his automobile, and then after two hours in hiding made for a policeman. He was charging full speed and got within five feet, when the policeman, John Gaeres, armed only with a pistol, landed a bullet in his right eye and he suddenly became a subject for a taxidermist.

The Southwest

High Electric Rates in Texas



In Austin, Texas, the average home with an electric refrigerator and a radio and perhaps a few other electrical outlets will use from \$2.50 to \$5.00 worth of electricity per month, and according to Dr. Miller, of the physics department of the University of Texas, who is a home owner, he pays from 8½ to 9 cents per kilowatt-hour for the five or six dollars' worth of electricity he uses each month. However, this is considerably less than in many of the smaller towns in Texas. In San Marcos the average home using electricity pays from 15 to 20 cents (sometimes even more than 20 cents) per kilowatt-hour.

Of course, industrial users of electricity everywhere are allowed a much lower rate per kilowatt-hour than home users. It is claimed that were they not allowed a low rate they would produce their own power and the home users of electricity would then be charged higher rates than at present. Along the Colorado river the Government has built dams which could furnish cheap power to a great many communities, but this blessing the power trust will not allow.—H. E. Coffey, Texas.

Cotton Picking in Gonzalez, Texas

◆ Anarchists broke into Gonzalez county, Texas, and into the sheriff's office, of all places. One of the chief deputy sheriffs, Wallace Ray, seems to be the head anarchist. He "escorted" out of town two persons who were trying to hire cotton pickers. Terrible crime, this offering money to people in exchange for work, isn't it? Also, the same sheriff's office issued an order that all persons not otherwise employed must pick cotton. The argument for re-establishing slavery at the point of a gun was:

We have a fine crop coming on and we need all the pickers we can get. We are not going to stand around and see the crop ruined for lack of field hands.

In the Kansas Prison for Children

◆ In the Kansas prison for children, otherwise known as the Beloit Reformatory, one little child of nine who had forged a check was beaten, confined in a dungeon, and then sterilized. Sixty-one other girls were likewise unsexed for infractions of the prison rules.

Nice Prison Guard

◆ Texas has some nice prison guards. Eight young men broke away from the Eastham, Texas, prison. Finally the guards came up with two of them, but although the boys were unarmed, and begged pathetically for their lives, Rob Parker, the guard, who felt he had the opportunity to murder a fellow creature which no doubt he had long craved, shot them both down in cold blood. This was too much for one of the observers, Sheriff Archie Maple, and he stated the facts publicly. Possibly Parker will be reprovved, in an apologetic manner, by somebody higher up, but it is not very likely. The evidence is all the other way in America. Anybody in a uniform can commit murder with reasonable surety of no serious punishment.

Screwed Together in Oklahoma

◆ Dr. Earl McBride, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, told the Southern Medical Association that in mending bone fractures he uses airplane screws, made of an alloy of magnesium and aluminum, and that—

When left in the bone tissue the magnesium gradually disintegrates into gas which then is absorbed by the blood stream; the free aluminum also is eliminated gradually.

Makes a fellow who knows anything about the effect of loose aluminum floating around in the blood hope that Dr. McBride will not have any occasion to screw him back together if he falls on the ice or something.

Consolation is too crowded with other important news to devote more than passing attention to the aluminum food poisoning still going on as strongly as ever.

Voted 298 Times

◆ At the time Roosevelt was re-elected, in 1936, one Kansas City man was so interested in the success of the New Deal that he voted 298 times. Another man marked 20 ballots in a series, and later marked 14 more. One precinct captain ordered election officials to give the Republican "around 60 ballots" and claim the rest as Democrats. The district attorney, Milligan, who uncovered all this rottenness, was shaky about his job, for a while. What is going to become of the country if a patriotic New Dealer can't stuff ballots into the box to make sure the New Deal will be "approved"?



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Report on Spiritism

● About three years ago the dignitaries of the church of England, faced with an agitation raised by hundreds of the clergy who had dabbled with spiritism and had fallen victims, saw themselves under the necessity of taking some action. As this church is not a totalitarian organization like the Roman church, the parsons could not be arbitrarily silenced in their demand for liberty to adjust the prayer book rule of service to their new ideas. The archbishop of Canterbury appointed a committee to investigate "spiritualism". The committee took two years in its investigation, and reported its findings a few months ago. The two archbishops, Canterbury and York, and 24 bishops considered these findings, and have decided they shall not be published. The plain reading of that decision is that these men have bumped against something they don't want to talk about. Naturally the spiritists are jubilant, though, so sure are they that the committee has met with evidence in favor of their claims, they would be better pleased if the report were published. The Roman Catholic church has always set itself against spiritism, and in this has conformed to the Scriptures; but not for love of the truth, nor that it might be a true supporter of the Scriptures, for its claim is that the Scriptures are given to it for use in support of its church. The fact is that, if it is possible to talk with the dead, as spiritists claim, the dogma of "purgatory" "goes with the wind", and "purgatory" not only is one of the props of the Roman Catholic church, but is, perhaps, the most profitable of its rackets. It is easy to see why spiritism is anathema to the Roman Hierarchy. The church of England has not got its dead on its hands, and it does not know where they are; but the phenomena of spiritism has proved itself too strong for these hundreds of parsons and they have fallen to this deception of the Devil. Forsaking the light of the Scriptures, they go into the dark, to spirits that "peep and mutter", and get their proof (!) of their dogma of human immortality

from them. (See Isaiah 8:19.) If the archbishops and the bishops had the light of the Scriptures in them they would have dealt with this deflection of the clergy in a very different way. The fact is, of course, that they all are in the dark: the archbishop of Canterbury says, "It is not proposed to publish the report at present, as further investigation is required." Just so! And in the meantime the demons, who are now particularly active, will get the better of them all, and will lead them into further darkness and then to destruction. These great church systems not only have ignored the instruction of the Word of God, the Scriptures, but have used them for the purpose of building up their organizations. They have played tricks with the holy Scriptures, picking out passages to support their dogmas, perverting plain meanings, and, as in the case of the Roman church, have made the sayings of their own supporters to be accepted on equal authority with the words given by the spirit of God. Sometimes some of these principals of the flock speak candidly of their position: they know they are wandering about as in a fog, uncertain of their steps and lacking anything to guide them on their way. One of these wrote recently, "Moreover, how can we speak of the Trinity as a divinely given 'truth of revelation' when we know well that it has been hammered out by generations of human thinkers and still remains incomplete?" Jehovah's witnesses, enlightened with the truth which Jesus brought, and faithfully following His words, know that the dogma of a trinity of gods—which is what that dogma really amounts to—is Satan's masterpiece of deception fastened on the churches.

Romanizing of England

● The "Hierarchy of Authority" in Rome has set itself the task of bringing its church into greater prominence in England. What it is doing behind the scenes is known only to those in the Hierarchy's cabinet in the Vatican; but its public works and intentions are openly stated in the Roman Catholic newspapers and journals. No doubt the present troubled situation is considered as providing an opportunity specially favorable to this purpose. The antagonistic attitude of Russia towards Britain since its pact with Hitler has made it easy for the British hierarchy to throw in its support for the Allies. To them it is a fight against its dreaded enemy Communism, which, of course, has no use for religion, and which in power

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in Europe would clear all organized religion out of its way, as its chief enemy to its progress. The black outlook in Europe for the increase of the power of the Vatican is, no doubt, a very good reason for its endeavor to get a greater hold in Britain, and England in particular. The Roman Catholic newspapers under the urge of the Hierarchy and with its "blessing" are combining in a set purpose to get their journals into the homes of all the people. A systematic drive is being organized, so that every house shall be visited, and newspapers canvassed for, and leaflets—apparently free from any propaganda for the church—shall be left, for the moral and spiritual uplift of the people. To give a "spiritual" backing to this purpose the pope ordered that prayers should be made by all Roman Catholics for the conversion of England, and their saint Mary has been specially invoked to attend to this matter. That church wants to have the worship of Mary—better described as mariolatry—fastened on England as it was in pre-Reformation days. The Hierarchy tells its people that England is particularly dear to Mary, for it was in England, in the days when the Papacy held rule, that the newly fashioned dogma of the immaculate conception of Mary, the mother of Jesus, was most firmly held and taught. That blinding piece of darkness has been of the greatest service to the Roman church, for by it the Papacy got its chief aid in the exaltation of Mary into worship of her as if she were as exalted as the Scriptures tell of Jesus. And by this newly fashioned dogma the Devil got fastened on that church his older scheme of getting men to believe that the power of God was held in a trinity of father and son and mother. This old pagan doctrine, from the time of Nimrod and the rise of old Babylon, became one of the most prominent features of "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Revelation 17:5); and this is what the Roman Catholic church seeks now to fasten on England. The so-called "Protestant" churches no longer protest against these blasphemous dogmas; rather they look to Rome as the chief means of keeping religion—and themselves—from being swamped by the floods of ungodliness, and of apathy towards religion which they now see threatening it and them.

Jehovah's witnesses

● Undoubtedly there are some among the ranks of the English churches, and throughout

Britain and northern Ireland, who view with alarm this revival of Roman Catholic energy to increase its hold on Britain; but for the most part they are silent. Some raise their voices, but to them it seems like crying out to the incoming tide to stop its waves. But not so with Jehovah's witnesses. These are not Protestants: they are witnesses to Jehovah, of His truth, of His purpose in the establishment of His kingdom, and His witnesses against this evil thing that has been fastened on men and has blinded their eyes to the glory of the Living God as revealed in His Word. Their witness makes the hierarchies in the various countries exceedingly angry—the "Hierarchy of Authority" has not yet publicly manifested itself, and these do not cease to speak evil against the witnesses, nor refrain from molesting their persons as occasion may arise. In the meantime faithful men and women go to the people with the message of truth, and thousands are being enlightened to the honor of God and are worshiping Him according to the truth revealed in the Scriptures—Jehovah's witness to himself.

Renewing the Attack

● In a recent reissue of one of their old attacks on the publications of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY there is no lessening of the bitter spirit of the first publication, nor any less lying either about the literature or those who are responsible for it. These men, blinded by their perverseness, have learned nothing from the manifested blessing of God upon the labors of His people—thousands have been brought into the light of the Word of truth, and are serving God in knowledge and understanding, and with a zeal which only faith and knowledge can bring. These know that they are giving the witness which Jehovah purposed should be given at this time, and which Jesus said should be given in the last days. (See Matthew 24:14.) A main feature of the religion of the Plymouth Brethren is that of "preaching the Gospel" each Sunday evening. Their morning is reserved for their fellowship meeting. But the "preaching of the Gospel" by the Plymouth Brethren includes and invariably stresses the preaching of eternal damnation for all nonbelievers. This "gospel of damnation" to eternal torment is their own addition to the message of Christ, for the Gospel of Jesus, the Gospel of the Kingdom, knows nothing of that blasphemy against God. Nor have they any warrant for it in the Scrip-

tures: the apostles never preached it. In the degenerate days of Israel the Jews set abominations—the idols of the neighboring nations—in the temple, and professed to serve Jehovah through them. To complete their worship they sometimes went out of the city to the valley of Tophet (Gehenna) to offer young children in sacrifice to Molech, placing the young in the extended arms of the idol, heated by fierce fire. Rebuking these wicked hypocrites Jehovah repudiated them and their worship, and declares their practices ‘neither came into my mind’. (See Jeremiah 19:5.) The preaching of the dogma of eternal torment is a magnifying of the enormity of the blasphemy of the Jews when, by that means, they professed to show their great fear towards God. Those who hold the dogma of eternal torment can hardly be expected to be free from its evil influence, or to have any compunction about speaking evil of the Truth and its messengers.

Jehovah's witnesses are separate from all the religious sects and systems, and apparently they are hated of them all. This, from a human viewpoint, is natural enough; for the truth held to and witnessed exposes the perversions of the Scriptures by which the religions of “Christendom” support themselves, each sect and section picking out its own texts for that purpose. The Truth is anathema to all of them, from Roman Catholics at the head to the Plymouth Brethren at the tail. The Plymouth Brethren are the descendants of a company of men who met in Plymouth, Devon, and who saw clearly that the priestcraft of the churches was entirely contrary to the purpose of Christ and to the teaching and example of the apostles. They increased in numbers and the name Plymouth Brethren got fastened upon them, though they dislike it as much as the Roman Catholic church dislikes the word Roman. They are fairly numerous in various parts of Britain and northern Ireland; but now they are divided into sections, split because they do not agree about their own manner of meetings. While separating themselves from religious practices they retained the orthodoxy of the systems, and made themselves champions of its main dogmas, that is, the dogma of Trinity, of human immortality, and the terrible dogma of eternal torment.

These two sections of religion, the head and tail of orthodox religions, have been and are the most active of them all in crying out against the witness to the truth of the Scrip-

tures which Jehovah is sending forth by His witnesses: they are the readiest of all in speaking evil of it and its servants. From the violence of some of the pamphlets it may be supposed that had they an organization such as Rome has they would follow its methods in trying to stop the witness.

The Plymouth Brethren pamphleteer is so rabid as to prevent himself from allowing that the literature of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY can possibly have been published except for an evil purpose, certainly not with any desire of honoring God and Christ.

He calls that which scores of thousands of consecrated men and women know is the truth of the Word, by which they have been enlightened, and by which they serve God in understanding, a “vicious counterfeit”. He can say nothing better of it than “It is a concoction made up of ingredients from all the heresies that have attacked the true gospel of God”. He proceeds to lie, thick and fast, saying, “It is an insidious attack on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ; it robs him of his pre-existent glory with the Father . . . rejects his resurrection, and degrades him to the level of a mere magician playing tricks upon his disciples . . . it destroys the blessed hope of the church.” It would be difficult to get more malicious lies into so small a compass; but the pamphleteer seems to have enjoyed his task, for he rounds it off with the favorite text of the Plymouth Brethren when they want to say something strong, for with the backing of a text (though misused) he says the witness to the honor of Jehovah is a damnable heresy. (See 2 Peter 2:1.)

Both the writer of the pamphlet and its publishers (an old Plymouth Brethren firm) know perfectly well that this diatribe perverts the truth. They know that Jehovah's witnesses are faithful disciples, seeking to follow the Lord, and they bemoan the loss they sustain when now and again one of their number finds the light and follows it. They will take their place with the opposers of the truth. One who had been enlightened by the truth told how he had been accosted by a Roman Catholic priest, known to his family a long time. After the usual greeting, the priest said, “How is your brother?” “Well,” was the reply, adding, “but he has joined the Plymouth Brethren.” “Glory be,” said the priest; “he is not far from us.” What the priest meant is self-evident.

Miscellany

Worse than Native Shanghai

◆ The Ministry of Health report on tuberculosis conditions in Wales brings to light conditions which are described as in some respects worse than the native quarters of Shanghai. A particular offender in Wales is what is styled the "old-fashioned Celtic house". It is not much of a house. The technical description follows:

The height to the eaves is about 8 feet. The house is divided into two rooms by a thin partition, one a living room and the other the sleeping chamber. The floor is of earth, or mud and lime, or stone or slate. Often, to provide further sleeping accommodation, boards have been put across from wall to wall called the "grog-loft", whose height at its apex is 5 or 6 feet, tapering down to nothing at the walls; sometimes it has a skylight. In some of these houses there is a puddle made originally as a well.

"Frequently, the tuberculosis patient is placed in the 'grog-loft', and, unless he is moved to a sanatorium or outside shelter, there he lies in stifling conditions until he dies. It is impossible to disinfect such a place, and after the patient dies someone else occupies the bed—too frequently it is occupied by young children."—London *Daily Express*.

Why the Increase in Furs

◆ London, now the center of the world's trade in furs, notices a great increase in the demand. As an example, ten years ago the number of fox furs offered was about 96,000. Last year it was nearly 1,000,000. The explanation offered is that central heating has abolished heavy underclothing, and motorcars have made it necessary to have warm outer garments. Result: Less underwear is sold, and more furs.

Paid 65c for Pearls Worth \$165

◆ Some people do have all the luck. George R. Shaw, at Stanhope, paid 65c for a dinner that included oysters. In the first oyster he bit into Shaw found 11 pearls. He refused an offer of \$165 for three of them.

Pittsburgh Coal Is Half Oil

◆ Pittsburgh soft coal is half oil, and in actual experiments one ton of oil was obtained from two tons of coal. However, the obtaining of oil by this method is too costly to be practical at this time.

Why So Many Refugees?

"IN ALL NATIONS there are now many REFUGEES seeking a place where they might abide in security and have a reasonable opportunity to enjoy some comforts. That the number of REFUGEES is certain to increase in the near future must be conceded, and this fact alone increases the distress of many among the people who now have a measure of peace and security.

"You are among those who seek the best information obtainable as to why so many sorrows have come upon the people. Otherwise you would not have asked me the question about the REFUGEES. Desiring to see righteousness prevail amongst men, you should be diligent to learn the truth, and by so doing you will clearly see why there are so many REFUGEES, and why in the very near future the sorrows upon mankind will increase, and what will be the end of such."

"The indisputable proof is that all the nations have forgotten God and have yielded entirely to wicked demons, and therefore the nations are wicked. All such have determined their own destiny by choosing the course of religion or demonism. 'The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.' (Psalm 9:17) The people are now browbeaten, regimented and oppressed by the harsh rulers, but the end of wicked dictators is near. The day of deliverance for those REFUGEES who are of good will toward Jehovah is also near."

"The REFUGEES must now flee to the Lord and serve him. If they learn the truth and obey the Lord the REFUGEES will find protection and shall live." The foregoing is from Judge Rutherford's latest booklet, *REFUGEES*. For a copy of *REFUGEES* use the coupon below and mail to WATCHTOWER.

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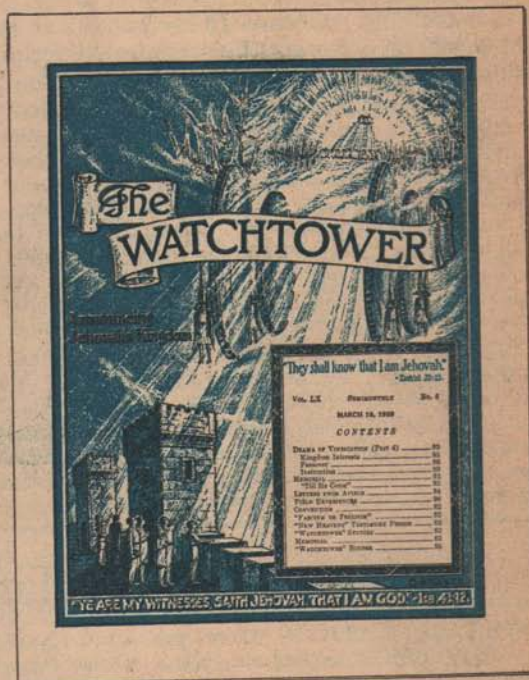
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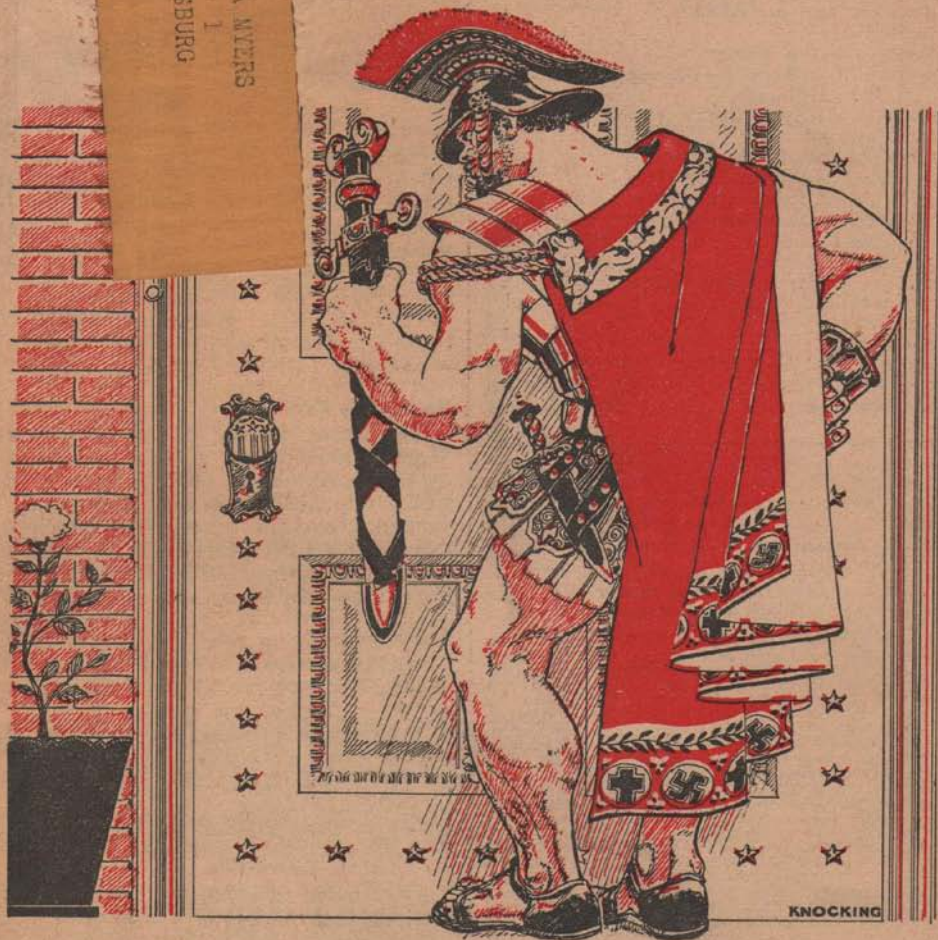
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The Tenderhearted Businessmen



The firm had advertised for a stenographer. One of the partners was interviewing a very pretty girl who had applied for the position. The other partner came in, took a look at the girl, and called the other member of the firm aside and whispered: "I'd hire her."

"I have."

"Can she take dictation?"

"We'll find that out later. I didn't want any obstacles to crop up."

In an Ugly Mood

He found his own front porch with wonderful accuracy, navigated the steps with precision, and discovered the keyhole by instinct. Once in the dimly lit hall there was an ominous silence, followed by a tremendous crash.

"Why, whatever has happened, Henry?" came his wife's voice from above.

"It's all right, Mary, but I'll—I'll teach those goldfish to snap at me," was the reply. —Labor.

No Need to Rush So

The American car was flying through the Warwickshire lanes, when it suddenly pulled up with a screech of brakes opposite a gate on which was leaning an old countryman.

"Say," said the driver, "kin you tell me if I'm right for William Shakespeare's home?"

"Yezzir," he replied, "but there's no need to hurry so—he's been dead some years!"

Carry On

"Get ready to die," said the footpad, presenting his revolver. "I'm going to shoot you."

"Why?" asked his victim.

"I've always said I'd shoot anyone who looked like me."

"Do I look like you?"

"Yes."

"Then shoot!"—Montreal Daily Star.

An Infallible Calculation

Jim: I can tell you how much water to the quart goes over Niagara Falls.

Joe: Betcha can't. How much?

Jim: Two pints.—Kellygram.

The End

Blacksmith, to new assistant: "When I nod my head, hit it." He did.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Coughlin's "Christian Front"



AT THE middle of January, 1940, Scotland Yard brought it to the attention of the United States Government that the date set for "Reverend Father" Coughlin's "Christian Front" to put into practice his "Call to Action" was to be the 20th of that same month. As the plans included, among other things, the wrecking of printing plants, bombing of Brooklyn and Philadelphia navy yards, and of West Point and Annapolis, seizure of Federal Reserve banks, National Guard armories, railway terminals, key post offices and all utilities facilities, Uncle Sam was almost forced to turn over in his sleep and arrest, not the tens of thousands involved, certainly not, but a few samples conveniently ready to hand.

An inducement to do something was furnished by the fact that fourteen congressmen were to be assassinated; and as congressmen do not like to be assassinated, it was almost necessary to stage some kind of act.

Scotland Yard has had recent experience that makes it more interested in things of this kind. In England the same gang calls itself, at present, the "United Christian League", while in Canada its cognomen is "National

Christian Party". It is strong to work the word "Christian" into the title. It's a big help.

There were seventeen men arrested, and three of these denied that they were members of Coughlin's Christian Front, but the rest of them, and fittingly too, looked to him as their inspiration, their instructor, their friend.

Of the seventeen, one was a captain of the 166th Infantry of the New York National Guard, two were sergeants, one was a corporal, two were rank-and-file members, one was a member of the United States Marine corps, one was an ex-cavalryman, and one was an expert bomb-maker. A better cross-section of the gang that is getting ready for the big putsch could hardly have been selected.

This Is Coughlin's Baby

Parents sometimes deny their offspring, and for a time Coughlin denied paternity of this outfit, but afterwards admitted it, with his usual evasions. It was he that first proposed the name, and the first cell or post of the Front was organized in the Church of the Paulist Fathers, Columbus Square, New York city, and used a post-office box of the Paulist Fathers as its mail address. A statement of one of the Paulist Fathers, made in New Bruns-

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Units of Militant Christian Front Are Being Formed in Middlewest

Hosts Battle
Communism
in New York

National Movement Growing
From Patriotic Action of
36 Christian Men in
Brooklyn

New York—Out of better events in New York and along the Eastern Seaboard during the last six months there is emerging a highly organized and rapidly growing militant Christian Front.

This noticeable counteraction to Communism, in its early stages, is being organized in Europe, and in taking concrete form in the Eastern States and is meeting favorably to a projected membership of 3 millions in 1940.

Organized along militant lines, as a defense mechanism against Red aggression and as a bulwark of Christianity and Americanism, the Christian Front is spreading from Greater New York into Philadelphia, Boston and other Eastern centers.

branches of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago and other key cities of the Middle West will begin in August.

Movement Spreading
From New York 36

From a modest start of only 36 men banded together in Brooklyn last year, for the purpose of actively combating Communism on the streets of New York, the organization has penetrated all boroughs of the metropolis. Under the leadership of Mr. John F. Cassidy of Brooklyn, there are now five central units operating in the metropolitan district.

These are the Bushwick unit, headed by Peter Carmichael; the Long Beach unit of South Brooklyn, led by Arthur Mervin; the Bronx central unit, headed by Albert Grossman; and the central Queens unit, under the leadership of Al Kurta. Mr. Cassidy himself leads the Brooklyn central unit.

Secrets and activities of the Christian Front, both unit and individual, are being exposed by a newspaper "expose" which last week is being about the proper ratio of "stopping points in doing business."

Women in Form
Auxiliary Unit

Women are not admitted to membership in the Christian Front, but New York women leaders are expected to be launching a "sister" organization derived from the ranks of Christian nurses, teachers, professional and business women and housewives.

The first unit of the Christian Front in Philadelphia was established last week, with an initial membership of several hundred. Branch units are to be formed in West Philadelphia, Mount Airy, Germantown, the Center City and Center City, New Jersey.

The first great public demonstration of the Christian Front is scheduled for an undetermined date in September when a large-scale meeting will be held in New York. Similar meetings are now being prepared for Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago. Following these mass meetings plans will be perfected for driving the common membership of the organization to 8-million before the summer and fall of 1940.

wick, New Jersey, of the readiness of the Roman Catholic Church to kill anybody with whom they disagree has often been published in these columns.



If you were mentally pubescent you would be disturbed that the Dies committee, before and after the seizure of the seventeen samples, always indicated that it was "not interested in developing that line of investigation". Dies himself was reported to have been in with Coughlin on the silver racket and was, within two months of the arrests, principal speaker at a Madison Square rally which was attended by thousands of the Front and was advertised at their posts or lodges or companies as a "must" event. Coughlin has urged Dies' nomination for the presidency of the United States.

As early as 1936 Coughlin made the statement, "Democracy is doomed! I take the road to Fascism."¹ There was nothing irregular about this. The Roman Hierarchy is necessarily against democracy. In their eyes the people are nothing but serfs, to be bossed around by priests and higher officials. On the part of the public press² and most certainly on the part of the Hierarchy,³ there has been a "conspiracy of silence" regarding the sub-

¹ Only two days before that stalwart Practical Catholic, Adolf Hitler, opened his arms and Stalin fell into them, "Reverend Father" Coughlin urged another big war on the Communists. When anything like this is to be pulled off, the big noise at Royal Oak should be given a little inside information, as a thing like this makes him seem even more foolish than usual.

² If Coughlin had worn the cloth of any other religious faith than the Catholic he would have had an open fight on his hands from most of the American press years ago, and the delicacy with which his activities have been ignored all this time, although it may be a tribute of confidence in the Christianity and citizenship of the rest of the Catholic clergy, is open to a suspicion of less honorable motives. My version is that the press passed him up for fear that Catholics would regard an attack on Coughlin as an attack on the church.—Westbrook Pegler, in the *Chicago Daily News*.

³ The question is, How can a church founded in justice and charity permit its official representative to go contrary to these principles of justice and charity. The direct answer is that he is not an official representative of the church when he speaks over the radio or writes in that paper which goes under the incongruous name of Social Justice, for the reason that his own superior has stated more than once that he has given no approval. His paper, Social Justice, bears no stamp of imprimatur from his Bishop which is necessary if he writes as a Catholic priest.—"Rever-

verse activities of his Front. Even J. Edgar Hoover, who was responsible for the arrest of the seventeen, shies away from naming or arresting the man who put the young men in the hole where they now are."⁴

end Father" Gregory A. Feige, Jesuit, in an address at Williamstown, Massachusetts, reported in *New York Times*.

⁴ Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Nazi Bund, in his testimony before the Committee, spoke of the close relations the Bund enjoyed with Father Coughlin. He was not asked to develop this line of testimony. Homer Martin admitted that he had had a conference with Father Coughlin. He was not asked to develop this line of testimony. There was no further mention of Father Coughlin in the hearings of the Committee. Is it because Chairman Dies does not consider Father Coughlin un-American? Then he does not consider anti-Semitism and Nazism un-American! Organizers of the Christian Front and the Christian Mobilizers have been arrested 251 times for breaches of the peace and assault upon police officers and citizens in New York City alone, according to police records. Yet when the Dies Committee investigator was in New York, did he investigate Joseph McWilliams, Bernard D'Arcy, John Cassidy and other leaders of these movements? The answer of course, is NO.—Thomas L. Harris, in *The Protestant Digest*.

⁵ The fact that Father Coughlin's name is enthusiastically cheered at the meetings of the German-American Bund; the fact that invitations to the Christian Front meetings and to Bund meetings have been handed out by the same men at the same meetings; the fact that the Christian Front maintained picket lines at WMCA radio station every Sunday for a full year, bearing large placards on which was the picture of Father Coughlin, has escaped the notice of investigators. Last Sunday J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, said he understood Father Coughlin had no connection with the Christian Front, although its followers sometimes used his name. I am afraid that Hoover should get around more. One might, for instance, get records of Father Coughlin's speeches, or read copies of Social Justice. There was, for instance, that meeting in the Metropolitan Opera house in Philadelphia July 14, 1939, in which Father Coughlin, speaking from Detroit by wire and amplifier, praised the achievements of John Cassidy, commander of the Christian Front, urging the members of the audience to support and join that organization, and ending by conveying upon Cassidy the blessings of Almighty God. Cassidy is now under arrest with sixteen others, on the ground that they are implicated in a plot to spread a general reign of terror: Hoover thinks there is no connection between Father Coughlin and the Christian Front in spite of the fact Father Coughlin's paper, Social Justice, conducted a Christian Front contest for months last year, offering prizes for the best answers to certain political, economic and social questions. It was a cute contest, because each answer was accompanied by 50 cents, and the right answer (prepared by Father Coughlin) got a prize. The proceeds of this educational lottery were to be used for the broadcasting funds with which to help finance Father Coughlin's radio addresses to the nation. One question in

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Jesuits Trained Cassidy

It should surprise no one to learn that John F. Cassidy,⁶ the leader of the seventeen sample Fronters, is a graduate of the Jesuit Fordham University, New York city. He has thus been perfectly trained in disloyalty to American institutions and in plans to take them over. The president of Fordham, "Reverend Father" Robert I. Gannon, boasts that in the last three years that university received unsolicited gifts of \$450,000. The wonder is that they were so small, when one realizes the forces that are backing Fascism in this country.

Cassidy is tendered the Fascist salute by his followers. He was an active member of "Reverend Father" Curran's International Catholic Truth Society. There is a vast difference between Catholic truth and just ordinary, common, everyday truth. He was present when the first Christian Front was formed under the guidance of "Reverend Father" Edward Burke at the rectory of the Paulist Fathers in Manhattan. He is a forceful orator. He repeatedly shouted, "We have tried the pen, and now we must use the sword," and urged the younger members to train for street fighting and "other things".

this contest was: What is America's strongest safeguard against Communism? The answer was, "A Christian Front." In the issue of November 20, 1939, the question was asked, "What is Father Coughlin's most emphatic advice to the Christian Front?" And the answer was, "Meet force with force as a last resort." Evidently the Christian Front boys think the time has come for the last resort. But Father Coughlin has nothing to do with it all! (Dorothy Thompson, Copyright, 1940, New York Tribune, Inc.)

⁶ The names of some of Cassidy's companions are Michael Joseph Bierne, Leroy Keegan, George Kelly, Frank Michael Malone, Alfred J. Quinlan, Michael Vill, and Edward Walsh.

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Cassidy's pal, Claus Gunther Ernecke (succeeded April 11), he introduced as his "military director". He is said to be of the Bund, and illegally in America. At a meeting in Philadelphia shortly before his arrest, this man, called "Bill" by Cassidy, boasted, "We have the guns and soon we will call on Philadelphia to join our ranks."

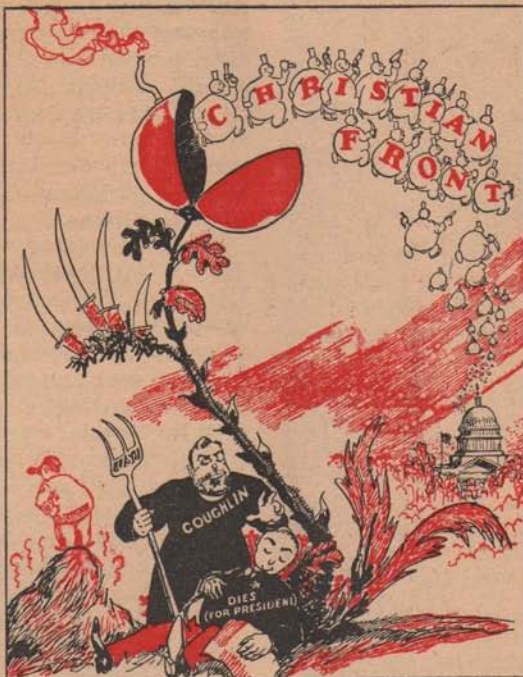
Francis P. Moran,⁷ Boston unit, whose Christian Front meetings were addressed by

Coughlin by piped-in telephone, made incitements to violence as frequently and openly as Cassidy or Ernecke. Coughlin's paper "Social Justice" boasted that in Worcester and Springfield riflemen's groups in units of 100 riflemen each were being organized. This boast was less than a month before the seventeen were arrested.

Cassidy's spiritual adviser, "Reverend Father" Edward Lodge Curran, the "Reverend Father" Coughlin himself, and his adjutant the "Reverend" Cyril Keating, have furnished inflammatory oratory for the Fronts in many places—

Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Minneapolis and elsewhere. To start a revolution in the United States takes a lot of work.

⁷ The *Daily News* is kind, when it wishes to be. Knowing the church to which Cassidy, Bierne, Keegan, Kelly, Malone, Quinlan, Buckley, Walsh and others of The Christian Front belong, it was good of the *News* to designate as the reporters to write the story "down" Michael O'Brien and John McNulty. The gentlemen did as they were expected to do. Instead of acknowledging John F. Cassidy as the leader of the plot (under Coughlin) they wrote it that "Kennedy named Bishop as a ringleader in the group". That was nice of them, to cite Kennedy as their authority. The paper that published their story referred to the Boston leader, Francis P. Moran, as Francis P. Morgan. That was nice of them, to change "Moran" to "Morgan". It helps to cover things up. In the story nothing was said about Coughlin's encour-



The Little Flower goes to seed

Coughlin the Ringleader

In May and June, 1938, in his paper "Social Justice", Coughlin urged his followers to organize platoons, gave them detailed instructions on how to proceed, and told the Christian Front groups by radio, "You and your group are directly affiliated to me." Later in the year, "It is necessary for us to solidify and strengthen a virile, closely woven Christian Front."

In July, just after his Front tried unsuccessfully to break up the assembly of Jehovah's witnesses, in Madison Square Garden (June 25, 1939, at which convention Judge Rutherford was the speaker), Coughlin addressed 8,500 "enthusiastic crusaders" of the Front at Philadelphia. John Cassidy, head of the organization, was there and pointed out that units were then in formation in several cities of the eastern seaboard, and when Coughlin had finished his address he said over the piped-in telephone wire, as his closing salutation, "And God bless Mr. Cassidy and the Christian Front." Two weeks later he issued "a call to action".



In less than six months Cassidy was in jail, when Coughlin promptly disowned him. But in a week he had received such assurances of noninterference and of support that he bucked up courage enough to "associate himself definitely with the Christian Front". If a man is a natural liar he can lie both ways a week apart.

The appeal for action bore fruit. There were fifteen instances of theft of guns and ammunition from National Guard units and their concealment in Brooklyn hideouts. From the Rock Island Arsenal, largest U. S. Government supply base, there were stolen 4,115 percussion caps, besides percussion fuses, mortar shells, and percussion primers.^s

After Coughlin regained his nerve it came out that his organizations had been formed in

agement by radio, by telephone and by publication, of The Christian Front, or of the fact that less than a year before his imprisonment for conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government Cassidy was a speaker on the same platform with the "Reverend Father" Edward Lodge Curran, in Brooklyn. The *News* watches its steps closely. It could lie to high heaven about Judge Rutherford, but it is not going to get caught telling the truth about America's Public Enemy No. 1, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy,—not if it can help itself. It wants to stay in business.

^s This all seems regular. How are Coughlin Christian Fronters to grab the United States Government

nearly all cities. His organization in Jersey City came to the relief of the seventeen by helping to raise money for bail, and in Brooklyn four thousand turned out for the same purpose. Now watch these traitors become heroes in the eyes of the dirty press.

Who Wants Fascism?

Who wants the totalitarian state in the United States, which end these seventeen had in mind in their plot? It is now several years since Major General Smedley D. Butler announced that fourteen of America's billionaires assured him that they had studied Mussolini's methods, that he was making a go of it, and that they intended to set up the same system here. Myron C. Taylor, Roosevelt's personal ambassador to the pope, is a great admirer of Mussolini, his system and the results he obtains.

Myron C. Taylor, born rich, had made \$20,000,000 when he was but 50 years of age. His cut of 25 percent in the wages of the steel company employees at Gary, Indiana, was prior to the passing of the ordinance that steel workers and others who eat out of garbage cans in that city must be careful where they throw their scraps. They try to keep the streets of the city clean, as is proper in the largest city of the Steel Trust's domains.

Taylor saw the pope and bowed three times going in and three times (deeply) on going out, after which he said he did not have any plans. That seems exciting. Pacelli failed to "bless" him as he backed out, because he is not a Catholic, yet.

Fascist plans for America are in good shape. The grand knight of the Knights of Columbus told an audience at Detroit that the 450,000 members of his order are ready for whatever role may be assigned to them "in the event the United States is forced to protect its ideals". Coughlin will tell them what to protect, maybe.

The Navy wants a share of the coming glory, and asked Congress to pass a bill empowering the president, under certain circumstances, to take possession of a factory. If that isn't a dictatorship, what is it?

The Hierarchy's scheme is to resurrect the ancient guild system in which masters and

unless they have supplies for the machine guns previously stolen? The word "stolen" is probably too harsh a word. If the thing is honestly investigated it will probably be found that this was merely a case of one inside Christian Fronters unlocking the door to another.

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servants in each trade would be in One Big Union controlled by the bishops, and the man that did not turn Catholic would not be able to eat, because he would not be able to get a job.

The priests want theirs in this life and are illegally and with astonishing impudence operating gambling rackets (Bingo) in countless American cities, as Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Milwaukee, in defiance of all law.

The bankers are so impressed with the weekly hauls of the religious crooks that their latest provision for them (in Denver) is that they may do all their banking business in little private rooms, built for their special use.

Hitler Showed the Way

In his book *Mein Kampf* Hitler showed everybody how to go about it to destroy a people's government and inaugurate a totalitarian one. The book was not written in vain. It even showed the Hierarchy how to do it, and so, come 1940, "the Papal nuncio in Berlin was the first at the doors of the Fuehrer's chancellery to extend to him the greetings and good wishes of the pope himself, and of the Catholic clergy." And the bishops of Germany, in their pastoral letter to all the faithful, authoritatively declared:

In this decisive hour we admonish our Catholic soldiers to do their duty in *obedience to the Fuehrer* and be ready to sacrifice their whole individuality. We appeal to the Faithful to join in ardent prayers that Divine Providence may lead this war to blessed success.



The pope knows he could stop the war tomorrow if he would put Germany under an interdict, but this would mean shutting off his own revenues, and it would require honesty and courage. And the pope has none of these things.

There has been a deal said about neo-paganism in Germany in recent years, but nothing is heard of it now, since the bishops have told all the neo-pagans that they can become Rome-pagans by merely signing on the dotted line.

The persecution stories received an awful setback when Sister Bogumila, back from a sojourn in a Polish convent on the outskirts of Warsaw, said, "I can't exaggerate in saying how nice the German soldiers were to us." She explained also that at the time of the bombing of Warsaw Hitler came to the convent, and ascended the steeple of the adjoin-

ing church, so that he could gloat, with his own eyes, on the spectacle of thousands of his fellow men being murdered in a few minutes of time and the homes of their wives and children destroyed.

Before and After the Arrests

Just before the arrest of the seventeen plotters against the American Government, and when the Fronters were feeling their oats the most, Raymond Etteldorf, in *The Observer*, Dubuque, Iowa, America's only daily Catholic paper, showed what was in his mind, and what is in the mind of all the Fronters as the next step in the program to "Make America Catholic". From the issue of January 11, 1940:

It seems that the universal conversion of America, if ever it comes before the last days, must come from universally concerted and organized efforts. And such efforts in the Catholic Church are best effected by a special religious order. Often in the history of the Church, when there was a great task to be done, it was accomplished by a religious order. In the middle ages, when the masses seemed to be losing contact with the Church, it was the Franciscan order that re-established this contact; when the Albigensian⁹ heresy tore at the fibres of faith, it was the Dominican order that crushed the heresy; after Luther attempted a reformation that resulted in division of Christianity, it was the Jesuit order that accomplished a true reformation.

⁹ "ALBIGENSES, . . . in the twelfth century in the south of France, distinguished by their zealous opposition to the Church of Rome." In their beliefs: "we find no vestiges of Dualism, nor any thing which indicates the least affinity with Oriental theories of emanation". They had "unwavering belief in the corruption of the mediaeval Church, especially as governed by the Roman pontiffs". "Innocent III enjoined upon all princes to expel them from their dominions in 1209." "The heretics were handed over to the proselytizing zeal of the order of Dominicans, and the bloody tribunals of the inquisition; and both used their utmost power to bring the recusant Albigenses to the stake, and also, by inflicting severe punishment on the penitent converts, to inspire dread of incurring the Church's displeasure." "It is likely, as has been remarked above, that many who held the simple truths of the Gospel, in opposition to the corruption of Rome, were included in the title by the Romish authorities."

"With the exception of the charge of rejecting [ecclesiastical] marriage, no allegation is made against their morals by the better class of Roman writers. Their constancy in suffering excited the wonder of their opponents. 'Tell me, holy father,' says Evervinus to St. Bernard, relating the martyrdom of three of these heretics, 'how is this? They entered to the stake and bore the torment of the fire, not only with patience, but with joy and gladness. I wish your explanation, how these members of the devil could persist in their heresy with a courage and constancy

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Six weeks after these arrests, six of Jehovah's witnesses in Montreal were sentenced to two months in prison "on charges of conspiring to distribute seditious libel". Had they been distributing any of Coughlin's inflammatory stuff? Oh, no. What had they been doing, then? Oh, just doing what the Lord told them to do, proclaiming The Theocracy as man's only hope. But can men and women (some of these were women) be jailed on such accusations as this? Oh, no, not at all,—not legally: they are just plain Christians, not persons with a "Christian" Front.

You can be sure that the seventeen arrested in Brooklyn, and the tens of thousands that should have been arrested at the same time, will go scot-free. You will read slobbery stuff about their idealism, etc., etc., until you want to vomit. The same forces that set entirely free the "Reverend Father" Cox at Pittsburgh, and also set free his fellow crooks after they had confessed their shameful part in his disgraceful acts, will see to it that neither these men nor the man who incited them to their course will get anything out of this but a good advertisement. But you watch and see what Jehovah's witnesses get for telling the truth.

Don't Worry About Coughlin



Of course, you already know that Coughlin was caught redhanded in this Christian Front conspiracy; but don't be worried about him. He is not worried about himself, nor is any other person connected with the biggest racket in the world. The Vatican crowd know that they have the politicians of the United States, from the president down, ready to step to one side and let them have their own way, and this applies to most of the judges, too.

Did anything happen to that Pittsburgh crook, Cox, who operated one of the worst swindles ever pulled off in the United States? Why, certainly not. Did anything happen to the Dougherty gang in Philadelphia for their conspiracy against Judge Rutherford? Why, scarcely to be found in the most religious of the faith of Christ."

The foregoing citations from McClintock & Strong's *Encyclopedia* regarding these faithful witnesses of the Lord should be supplemented by the fact that that bloodthirsty son of the Devil, Ambrose Ratti, in one of the latest statements he ever made [and he will never make another anywhere, for Isaiah 26: 13, 14 shows plainly that he is dead for ever], gloated over their destruction.

certainly NOT. Will anything happen to Coughlin? Most certainly not. The Hierarchy will take care of all that. Politicians do as they are told.

There is not a more unprincipled man in the world than the Jesuit-trained Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister. Coughlin has repeated Goebbels' stuff word for word, without changing a comma. Like Hitler himself, the two men received their training in the greatest lie factory beneath the sun.

At the salesroom for Coughlin's junk, at Royal Oak, Michigan, visitors are invited to enroll for the Radio League of the Little Flower, with the assurance that it is a "non-political organization". This outfit took in about \$1,000,000 from the public and invested \$99,192.17 of that amount in the National Union for Social Justice, which is a political organization.

At the same time that this horsecollared gent was denouncing stock trading on the radio as "gambling with other people's money" he was trading in auto stocks.

While he was bemoaning the low price of silver, one of his female clerks was holding 500,000 ounces of the metal, and when Coughlin, with the alleged help of Dies (yes, the same Dies), had shoved the price up from 29c an ounce to 64.64 cents an ounce, you can guess how much Coughlin was really grieving over the sad lot of the 10,000,000 "starving unemployed" when he sold out.

About the Christian Front

Oh yes, a few kind words about Coughlin's Christian Front. In his paper, *Social Justice*, May 23, 1938, telling the Fascists of America how to go about it to pull off the same kind of deal Hitler pulled off in Germany and Franco pulled off in Spain, he said:

Let your organization be composed of no more than 25 members. After a few contacts with these 25 persons you will observe that two of them may be capable of organizing 25 more. Invite these capable people to do that very thing.

Three weeks later he added to the foregoing instructions (issue of June 13, 1938) further details of how to get ready for the big putsch:

When the moment arrives, and not before that time, Father Coughlin will assemble all organizations whose leaders care to follow him.

The names of the various organizations affiliated with The Christian Front are all known: The German-American Bund, The Christian Mobilizers, The American Patriots, The American Nationalists, The Citizen's Pro-

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tective League, The German-American Business League, The Crusaders for Americanism, etc.

After advertising over the radio November 7, 1938,

I am hereby withdrawing from all radio activity in the best interests of all the people; I am doing this without attempting to offer one alibi, thereby proving that my promise is better than my bond, he was back on the air again early the following year and on July 30, 1939, had this to say for himself and his Christian Front buddies:

We will fight you in Franco's way if necessary. Call this inflammatory if you will. It is inflammatory. Rest assured we will fight you and we will win.

Catholic Boys Believed Him

Because he has a fine radio voice, and is trained in all the standard tricks of demagoguery, and because he has the false social front that goes with the horsecollar, some thousands of Catholic boys believed him, took him at his word and organized a crazy conspiracy to seize the United States with a few old rifles, after the manner of Hitler's gang in Germany. According to their advertisements only men could join, they must be over 18, they must have a military record, and the hookup was through Post Office Box 69, Station G, New York City.

The movement grew rapidly. At the time of Judge Rutherford's lecture in Madison Square Garden, June 25, 1939, the gang felt strong enough to undertake to break up a Christian assembly of 18,000 persons. They tried it and failed. Five weeks later, in Social Justice for July 31, 1939, Coughlin described the emergence of the "highly organized and rapidly growing militant Christian Front" and announced that a goal of 5,000,000 members by the fall of 1940 was the objective. In the same month, July, 1939, he harangued the Christian Front in Philadelphia, Pa., and "blessed" it (over the telephone). The chairman of that meeting was John F. Cassidy, one of the Catholic boys involved in the con-

spiracy against the Government. Cassidy may go behind bars (probably not), but the one that incited him will be punished, certainly NOT.

In the July 31, 1939, issue of his paper (see cut on page 3) "Reverend Father" Coughlin carried screaming headlines "Christian Front Carries Fight Into More States"; and, in the August 7 issue of the same paper, said, "The place for you, as a Christian, is on the Christian Front." In *The Commonweal* (Catholic weekly journal) appeared the admission:

Father Coughlin, The Brooklyn Tablet, Social Justice and their many abettors and sympathizers must bear the direct responsibility for the plight of these 17 young men. For months The Tablet's correspondence columns have been the free public forum for the national director of the group, John F. Cassidy.

After Cassidy and his friends were arrested, on January 14, 1940, Coughlin "roundly disavowed" the Christian Front members caught in the sedition and conspiracy net and expressed hope that the Department of Justice would "substantiate every statement made". At this point he was interested in saving his own hide.

A week later, having regained his nerve, he again proved how perfectly not one thing he says can be believed, by reversing himself as follows:

I take my stand beside the Christian Fronters. Recognizing also that in one sense the opposition to Communism is on trial (??) I freely choose to be identified as a friend of the accused. It matters not whether they be guilty or innocent; be they ardent followers of the principles of Christianity or the betrayers of them, my place is by their side until they are released or convicted.

Probably in the meantime Coughlin was tipped off that nothing would happen to him. Certainly not. Do you think the most ancient racket in the world is going to let one of their stooges down the way he was at first going to let Cassidy and the other boys down? You don't know religion.

Bishop Pegler on Coughlin



THERE is no telling how far the Rev. Father Coughlin may go, so just to play safe I am going to dig up my credentials as a Bishop of some church in Colorado, the name of which escapes me at the moment, and pro-

tect my interests. I am just anticipating the day when it is established that everyone in this country must go to one church or another under the Coughlin system of government.

When people must go to church or go to jail a great mass of citizens who are now non-

church-goers will be in the market for a nice, convenient church connection, and that is where my Bishop's license will come in handy. In order to prove that they belong to a church and go to it people will have to possess church cards, and they will have to get them punched like a meal ticket or get a stamp every Sunday and possibly once or twice during the week.

I am not bothering my head about what Father Coughlin thinks would be a fair initiation fee into a legal American church or what he has in mind as weekly dues or assessments, but I will guarantee this: I will guarantee that nobody will undercut me, because I aim to have me a great big plant, short services and a system of fees, dues and assessments so small that they will defy competition.

In California the Ham 'n' Eggs racket was a great success on a penny a day, but I am no pig for money, and I probably will be able to get the collection down to a penny a week in my place, and still do very well for Bishop Pegler by running a fast grind. My services will be only about three or four minutes—just long enough for my congregation to get their church cards punched or stamped, so that they can't be picked up by the Brown Shirts during the ensuing week and tossed into a concentration camp as atheists.

"In and out, fast and no waiting, and please don't block the aisles" will be the plan of my church, and they don't have to wait for my sermons, because I will have them printed on dodgers and hung up on a spike at the door, and each customer can grab one as he goes out. They will be very good, sanitary sermons, too—all about the money-changers and international bankers and the value of gold—and nobody is ever going to stick me for heresy under the Coughlin system of government and compulsory religion, because I am going to plagiarize Father Coughlin's own stuff, and nobody ever will be able to prove what it means, if anything.

I understand that the Rev. Father Coughlin favors the Franco way, and I am glad to say that this way is O.K. with the Right Rev. Bishop Pegler of some church in Colorado. I am not yet sure of the name of this church, but I was appointed a bishop thereof several years ago, and I will fill in the blank when I find my diploma, which is somewhere around. Under the requirements of the Franco way, all marriages must be performed by religious authority, and it takes no genius to see what

that will mean to Bishop Pegler when he gets his share of the seventy million unorganized Americans under the eeny-meeny or ibbety-bibbety system.

Say he gets only half a million of them and say there are about 100 other qualified clerics at present holding credentials in this Colorado church, for it is really a very small cult, Bishop Pegler will get his cut of the marriage business at anywhere from \$2 to whatever the traffic will bear, with time and a half for elopements after quitting time. He will get his regular grind for membership stamps on compulsory church cards. He will get collections to support his radio program, compulsory subscriptions to his church paper and compulsory funeral fees, and he can speculate in the silver market while raiding the market through propaganda. And he need never pay any attention to the income tax, because churches are immune under the law. And anyone who interferes with him will be a dirty atheist Communist, subject to arrest on sight and life imprisonment in a concentration camp.

You may quote Bishop Pegler as saying that if there is a fair division of the new business he will be 100 percent for the Franco way and an ardent supporter of Father Coughlin. It gives Bishop Pegler a terrible start to think that he laughed when he unexpectedly received his appointment as bishop of that church in Colorado and was going to tear it up. It goes to show that you should never throw anything away.—Westbrook Pegler, in *New York World-Telegram*.

Normandie Laid Up for the War

◆ The recent arrival of the liner Queen Elizabeth in New York recalls that the French liner Normandie, built at a cost of \$50,000,000, also is laid up in the port of New York for the duration of the war. About 700 of the crew returned to France to join the army. The other 559 of the crew remain on board, but seem almost lost in the big ship, which now smells of mothballs from end to end.

Hard Question for Aged Poor

◆ Three million old-age pensioners in England find the increased living costs more than they can meet. In a debate in the House of Commons a man in the gallery arose and yelled, "How can a man and his wife live on ten shillings [\$2.50] a week for the two of us?" Attendants hustled him out.

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Animal Husbandry

The Graceful Deer, a Thing of Beauty

◆ The deer is one of the most graceful and beautiful of animals. While not all the different kinds are equally beautiful, each has its unique characteristics. There are fifty-two different species. The best-known classifications are the reindeer, red deer, the wapiti, the caribou, the elk, the moose, and the [by some not considered to be a true deer] musk-deer.

Deer are found in all parts of the world except Africa and Australia. Grass-land deer gather in herds, especially at the approach of winter. They feed on meadow herbage. Forest deer feed on leaves, buds and twigs.

The deer may be said to be more useful to man than either the horse or the cow, but this is true, of course, only of the domesticated deer, particularly the reindeer. But even the wild deer have proved to be highly useful, although that usefulness, unfortunately, is to be realized only when the graceful creature has been slain.

The tame reindeer's milk is used for food. A nutritious cheese may be made from it. Their meat is palatable, and they serve as beasts of burden both by carrying loads and by drawing sleds. The skin is utilized for footwear, clothing and bedding, and the antlers provide material for handles for implements and tools.

The deer's antlers are easily the most interesting and outstanding thing about the animal. The creature gets new headgear every spring, and each spring there is something different about it. The sad thing about this is that in all species except the reindeer only the male gets the new headgear. The female literally has nothing to wear. The female reindeer, however, for reasons as fully known to her as to men, gets antlers as well as the male. She is the only female in the deer world so favored. By way of contrast, the male musk-deer has no antlers, the only male in deerdom so discriminated against.

As spring approaches, the hairy skin with which the crown of the deer's skull is covered becomes swollen. Gradually the antlers appear, at first soft and covered with skin. They are then said to be "in the velvet". After a while the antlers harden, shedding the "velvet" or skin-covering. The budding horn formation grows with astounding speed. The antlers of a full-grown stag are produced in

ten weeks. They remain until the following winter, when they are shed, to be replaced in the spring by another pair. Each successive pair of antlers differs from the set of the preceding year. The first year there is but the straight "beam"; the second year it has a single branch; the third year, two branches; and so on. However, the deer's age cannot necessarily be told by the number of branches, as the addition of branches after five or more years is not always uniform. Sometimes, when the horn base is injured there may be a surprising number of branches on the antlers.

Seemingly the chief use the male deer makes of his horns is to fight his rivals for the possession of the female. Sanguinary battles are fought, often resulting in the death of one or both of the contestants. When the horns lock the result is usually fatal to both deer.

A deer with one point or branch on each antler is called a two-point deer; one with two points on each antler, a four-point deer. In Scotland a twelve-point deer is a royal stag.

The size of a deer's antlers are often prodigious. The giant stag of the Irish peat bogs sometimes attains to an antler-spread of from ten to twelve feet, measured from tip to tip. These stags have palmated antlers or horns, like the moose; that is, their horns have broad, flat centers, like the palm of the hand. The entire rack of antlers, however, is shed after the breeding season, to be replaced by a new set before the next breeding season.

Testing Cows at a Half Mile

◆ The morning, some years ago, when the veterinarian came to give my cows the tuberculin test it so happened that three of them had broken out and were in a field of tall Iowa corn. This was told to the veterinarian, but he did not wait for them, as he was in a great hurry. A week later he denounced one of the cows as tubercular, but it was one of the cows that was a half mile away in the cornfield. When this was told to him, was his face red? —Contributed.

Farmers Must Be Alert

◆ Farmers have to be quick to learn. The growers of perfume flowers in southern France have had to learn a new business. The synthetic chemists made it impossible for them to go on.



The Last Grand March

◆ Concord company of Jehovah's witnesses decided to have their last information march and lecture in Antioch, Contra Costa county, California. Owing to the fact that it was to be our last and only march in this town, we wanted it well advertised. Zone servant S. E. Johnson and company servant D. D. Rousch decided to put an advertisement in the local paper, which was done. City councilmen were seen and permission to use the city park for the lecture, "Government and Peace," was granted. Then the fireworks broke loose.

The editor, Walter B. Stafford, noting from the advertisement that the lecture was to be in the city park, became incensed and began to try to stop it. He saw all the city councilmen and each one gave an evasive answer and passed the buck to the other. No way to stop the permit appeared; so out came the editorial in Thursday's paper. For a master stroke of advertising at no cost, and by the Devil's own crowd, now note the facts and be the judge.

The police were asked what they could do about it, but by now our company servant stepped in and ate all the varnish off the chief's desk. They all received a witness. Records were played, each received a booklet *Government and Peace*, and all were invited to the lecture. They were informed that we were going to march and use the sound-car. Objection to this was raised, but on being shown *Liberty to Preach*, and further witnessing, no more was said and they were left a little bewildered at being "walked over so roughly". However, the chief, Grover Donovan, sensing a possible disturbance, promised full police protection.

We imagine Friday night must have been a long one for them, as Saturday came and still nothing appeared on the horizon that offered them a solution as to how to stop us. And march we did, to the complete dismay of the police, one of which was heard to say, "If they would only take off those signs."

Meanwhile word was sent to the Oakland company and a grand crowd of the witnesses

turned out. Jehovah blessed us with a beautiful, warm day and 3 p.m. found a crowd of about 150 gathered to hear "Government and Peace". Chief Donovan, true to his promise, had his whole force out, including most of the boys from the fire department. They certainly patrolled the crowd well, giving those they were not familiar with a good looking over. Just before the company sound-car started the lecture, a buck nun and about six husky young rowdies showed up and seated themselves near the edge of the crowd. They communicated with each other by a sort of sign language, done with their hands. They sized up the crowd and the police, decided there were too many, and when the lecture came to the point where the disturbance in Madison Square Garden started, they signaled each other with their hands, got up, and left. The lecture came to an end with no disturbance.—Garland C. Hill.

The Preacher and the Bible

◆ While witnessing to a man he invited me to go to a church where he goes every Sunday and the preacher reads the Bible. He told me that the preacher preaches the same things that we preach. The church is located at Kingsland avenue and 104th street, Corona, and it's a Methodist Italian church.

I left my bag of books in the car and went inside the church together with this man, and we took seats while Mr. Rossi (the preacher) was preaching the Bible. There were about 15 people in all. The preacher was saying that when a person dies he goes into the kingdom of God. When the sermon was over, the man introduced me to the preacher and I arranged an appointment with him to see him again.

Two days later I met him above the chapel, where he lives. I took along a bag of books and two Bibles, handed him one of the Bibles, and asked him if he could quote from the Scriptures about a dead person's going into the kingdom of God. He began to tell me a different story; so I asked him to read Ecclesiastes 9: 5-10; and when he had done so he looked at me and said: "The Old Testament contradicts itself and the prophets differ in their testimonies with one another." I wanted to make it easier for him; so I told him to read John 3: 13. But the only thing he could answer was about what Jesus had said to His disciples, that they would be with Him; or probably the preacher had in mind John 14: 1-4. After that he said that the apostles

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Kingdom hall and publishers, Roseto, Pa.

of Christ were not educated in any school, since at that time there were no schools, and consequently they wrote what they could under the circumstances.

I told him that I was one of Jehovah's witnesses and if he wanted to learn I could explain the Bible for him. He said that we are active but have the wrong ideas. The conclusion was that I left a *Face the Facts* booklet with him, and with the result that a friend of the man that had introduced me to the preacher left the prison house (church) and regularly comes to an Italian model study of the Bible.—Tony Pietroforte, New York.

Freedom of Air

◆ I certainly agree that censorship of the radio is a dangerous thing. Few people have more decided views on things, more firm convictions of the errors or values of some of our organizations, than myself, yet I see no reason to deny anyone the right freely to criticize, explain, or even denounce that with which he disagrees.

Consider Coughlin. Here is a man whose church does not deny him freedom of speech—and no one can say our Catholic leaders are not conservative and patriotic to the State—so why should America bar him when the reli-

gious leader of world religions does not bar or excommunicate? If millions want to hear him, why not? But we are on dangerous ground when we do not allow others to blow away the totalitarian smoke-screen and freely gaze on his motives and doctrines.

Consider also Rutherford—a man whom millions petitioned several times to hear. If he is wrong in his views, why not have a "town meeting of the air" and hear his opponents and himself discuss the matter? And if he is right—well, then, no sane person would want to deny him full use of the air. These two men are as far apart as the poles in thought—one is an avowed champion of religion and Fascism; the other champions Christianity as man's only hope. Surely we are strong enough mentally in America to hear these men and decide for ourselves.

And who are these censors, anyway? When did we hear of them as outstanding leaders of thought, philosophy or Scripture, or government? And who gave them the right to take away our basic liberties?

Let us have freedom of the air! When Christianity, religion and politics are taboo, then the mental life of the nation dies.—H. R. Hewitt, in Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune*.

Campbell Trims an Editor

Editor, *Scioto Gazette*.

Sir:

In an editorial in your paper of October 5 entitled "A Tough Problem" are statements at variance with truth. In fairness to those assailed in the editorial these statements should be corrected.

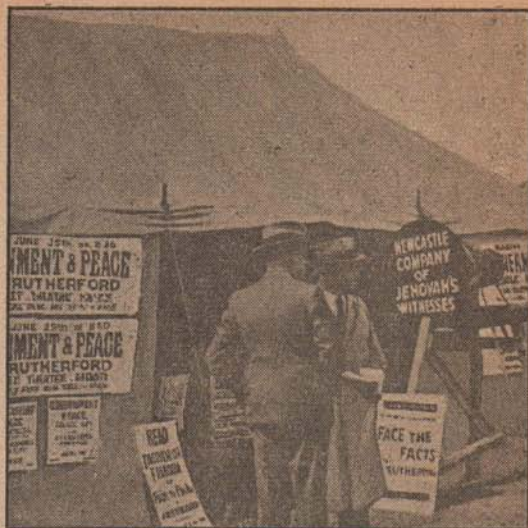
I have deposited \$100 to be given to anyone proving that Judge Rutherford has ever printed or made any statement against any race intended to stir up racial hatred. The editorial says Rutherford's disciples carried "obnoxious" banners. What was on these banners? One read, "Fascism or Freedom, Which?" All know that Fascism curtails freedom. This banner condemns Fascism. Is exposing Fascism obnoxious to you?

Your editorial says we carried banners assailing "formalized religion". I have Webster's Dictionary before me. "Formalized" is defined as "having the outward form without the inward reality". Is it wrong to condemn lip service and formalism which is based on the traditions of men and not on the Word of God?

Another banner read, "Religion is a Snare and Racket." Certainly formalism and ceremonies based upon the traditions of men are just that. Christianity is observing and practicing the word of Almighty God.

Regarding the statement that these people shouted insults at certain religious groups is certainly not true. This undoubtedly is a reference to announcements made by sound-cars. I read these announcements and still have them in my possession, and not one religious group was named and absolutely nothing insulting was said.

"This is nasty business." What do you mean? The editorial with reference to Judge Rutherford and his associates is not based on facts. You say when people of this type are



Tent at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, used for advertising "Government and Peace"

given the convenience of broadcasting, the prospects are horrible. Why? Many of those men and women who carried banners are residents of Chillicothe and known to be God-fearing people. Jehovah's witnesses gladly observe every law not in violation of God's law.

One more banner, the only one used not yet mentioned, was "Serve God and Christ, the King." Is this one obnoxious to you? or which one was?

Would your Bible thought for the fifth of October, found immediately under this editorial, be appropriate here?—"Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully."—Psalm 52:2.

Yours for truth and the practice of Christianity,

HAROLD G. CAMPBELL

(In the *Scioto Gazette*, Chillicothe, Ohio)



Kingdom hall, Toledo, Ohio

Acting as Own Attorney—Blessed

◆ On December 6, 1939, I was arrested while engaged in the witness work. At first taken to the police station and asked if released I would continue in the work, and replying in the affirmative, I was told I was under arrest on account of selling without a license, as per enclosed charge. When taken before the judge I pleaded "not guilty", and my trial was set for 2 p.m. The city attorney inter-

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Elizabeth Fuentes, 10-year-old faithful Trinidad, B.W.I., Jonadab, sleeps quietly till her Day of days shall come.

viewed me before the trial to persuade me to acknowledge guilty, but, of course, in vain. The prosecuting attorney, Russell Scott, put in the prosecution. When the prosecution finished I filed a motion to dismiss, which Judge King overruled. Then I made my own defense, not having an attorney. I followed the order of trial as outlined in *Advice for Kingdom Publishers*. When making my defense the judge stopped me, asking me not to deliver an oration, but allowed me to finish when I told him I would directly come to the point of the case. The judge did not render judgment today, but asked the prosecuting attorney to file a brief, and asked me to have one filed. Judge King took the book *Salvation*, and Attorney Russell Scott contributed 25 cents for another *Salvation* and *Government and Peace*. Everybody was happy and the friends all went home rejoicing to press the battle to the gate more than ever.—W. J. Drewelow, Pioneer, California.

(The subsequent history of this case is most interesting. Drewelow filed a brief and his bail money was returned. The police officer who made the arrest in this case admitted privately that he had had private orders for six months to make this arrest in any way he could. These orders, it is certain, did not come from the chief of police, but from the religious racketeers, without reasonable doubt.—Ed.)

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The Man Cutting the Hedge

◆ Daines Stiles, a company publisher, while going from door to door, Sunday, approached a man cutting his hedge and presented the literature and stated that the booklet would show the totalitarian menace to our own country. The man cutting the hedge said he did not believe such a thing could happen, as they had too good men at the head of this country. The witness went down the street and was soon confronted by a patrolman in a scout car, who stated to him that he would have to go to headquarters so the chief could see what kind of literature he was distributing. The publisher got his wife and children, who were in the territory, and went to the station and told the officers assembled there that he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and that he was authorized to do this by the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, as evidenced by his testimony card, which he presented, and, further, that he had a legal right to preach in this manner, as evidenced by the *Liberty to Preach* booklet, which also was produced. The chief stated to the witness that he had a perfect right to do as he was doing, and told him to return, if he wished, to the field. The witness offered to play the phonograph for the officers; but they stated they did not have time, but accepted booklets, and the chief told his men to take the booklets, and literature was placed with all but the officer detaining the witness. This officer admitted that the person complaining against him was the man cutting the hedge. The witnesses returned to the same territory and found increased interest.

Wide-awake, Intelligent Teacher

◆ Word comes from Kansas that in one classroom the teacher is using *Government and Peace* as a textbook for the instruction of the children in the principles of true government.



A California scene—Using the record on "Baptism"

Comforting "Him That Hath No Helper"

◆ One of Jehovah's witnesses tells the following touching tale of one of the Lord's poor. The book accompanied the tale. Its covers were black with grime; the cloth had been worn through at top and bottom, both front and back, exposing the boards for a half inch. Every page was discolored, and on the designated page 84 there were lead-pencil marks enclosing the quotation "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

It makes one think of the narrative of Matthew 21:28-32 and the Master's words that society's outcasts would go into the kingdom of heaven while the religionists would, unless truly repentant, get nothing at all:

A publisher of the Providence, R.I., company, while witnessing from house to house, met a woman who recognized the literature and told the publisher the following story:

One day last spring a bum called at her house and asked her for something to eat. She took him in and gave him food. Upon leaving he took out of his pocket this book *Enemies* and told her that this was the most wonderful book he had ever read. He said that he wanted to give it to her because she had been kind enough to give him something to eat, but that he had read it only twice and was now reading it for the third time. Therefore he requested her name and address so that he could send it to her when he finished it. She gave him the address, and after several weeks she received this book in the mail. So curious was this woman to know the contents of this book that had enraptured the man of misfortune that she sat down and read it.

This woman told the publisher that it was a wonderful book and she wanted a new one for herself. Not having use for this old one she gave it to the publisher.

The condition of this book gives testimony of the hardships through which this man of good will must have gone; yet he took care of this book, as there is not a page in it torn. The corner of page 84 is the only one turned down, and on this page is the only scripture in the book that he marked and to which he must often have referred to give him strength to go on.

Service via Newspapers

◆ They had read in the Little Rock *Arkansas Gazette* the column entitled "From the People". There the "hell-fire" question was and still is being discussed both pro and con by the people. One writer suggested that all persons who were interested in the truth about this subject send 5c to the WATCHTOWER BIBLE

AND TRACT SOCIETY for the booklet *Hereafter*. They sent for this booklet, and when we received a good-will slip from the WATCHTOWER a back-call was arranged. Results of first call: much interest and two *Salvation* books placed, one each for husband and wife. The wife, a stenographer, wanted to keep one at the office to read, while the husband, who was confined to bed, could have the other to read.

Back-calls were continued twice a week because of interest and hunger for the truth. And now a model study is being conducted. Both husband and wife have declared themselves on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom.

The wife and her mother, who is also for God's kingdom, are now attending the meetings of the local company, and the husband would attend if not bedfast with tuberculosis.

Enclosed are their subscriptions for both *The Watchtower* and *Consolation*.

It is certainly evident that Jehovah is gathering the "great multitude."—W. M. Manning, Arkansas.

Goats on Their Hind Legs

◆ A man told me that when goats and sheep get in a fight the sheep whip the goats every time. To this I expressed my surprise. He said, "You know how a goat rears up. Well, the sheep wait until the goats are in that position, and then come at them in the middle and they are soon winded. A few sheep can whip quite a bunch of goats, and do it easily."—Mattie A. Gillespie, Kansas.

[More or less to the point: In Pennsylvania a farmer, a small official, took umbrage at *Kingdom News* No. 5, and drove two miles, with another man, looking for trouble with the four men out in the Kingdom work, one of whom had left this important message at his home—"Can Religion Save the World from Disaster?" He was talked out of his belligerent mood somewhat, but within a few days undertook the same language and the same tactics at the county seat of his county, and got what he was looking for. It was not one of Jehovah's witnesses that took him off his hind legs this time, but somebody else did the job and a neighbor had to carry him home in his car. Tears, if any, should be shed at this point.

Also: In a New York subway a gentleman of the same religious persuasion, and the same fighting nationality, landed on one of Jehovah's witnesses and blacked his eye. But that was only the beginning of it. The young sheep happened to be muscular, quick and sober, and it was just too bad for the goat, who was mussed up much worse. Sorrow here, if necessary.—Ed.]

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Human Immortality or Resurrection: Which?

THESE can't BOTH be true! "Resurrection" means to raise up again to life. If after death the human soul is in "purgatory" or in conscious torment in a hell of actual fire and brimstone, such soul must be alive, and therefore there could be no resurrection, for the reason that a live creature cannot be resurrected. The doctrine of "purgatory" or of conscious torment in hell after death makes void the infallible Word of the Creator concerning the resurrection of the dead. The sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a guarantee that all the dead in the graves shall be raised up again. Concerning this Jesus said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment." (John 5:28, 29, *Am. Rev. Ver.*) Had any souls been in "purgatory" Jesus would have said so.

To support their tradition that the dead are conscious in either heaven or "purgatory" or hell, the religious clergy must find that man has an immortal soul. "Immortality" applies to that which cannot die. It is easy to see that no creature or soul could be for ever in hell torment or in "purgatory" or in heaven if that creature could and would be killed. Therefore the demon master mind behind these false doctrines said: 'We must teach that the man has an immortal soul.' If the proof in the Bible is that man is a *mortal* soul, subject to death, then the "purgatory" and "torment" theories must be completely false.

When God made the perfect man and placed him in the paradise of Eden God said to him: 'In the day that you sin you shall surely die.' That was the plain statement of God's law. (See Genesis 2:17.) Did God mean that only the body should die? His own answer, at Ezekiel 18:4, 20, is: "The soul that sinneth, the same shall die." (*Catholic Douay Version*) The only support for the tradition

of human immortality is what the Devil said to Eve in Eden. God stated: "In the day that thou eatest thereof [disobediently] thou shalt surely die." The Devil contradicted and stated: "Ye shall not surely die." (Genesis 3:4) Whom shall we believe, God or the Devil? The religious clergy have accepted the Devil's statement and rejected God's, and hence they teach the immortality of all souls.

The Devil himself is not immortal, because the Scriptures, at Hebrews 2:14 and Ezekiel 28:18, 19, show that Almighty God will destroy him in due time. So ask the clergymen this question: If "hell" is a place of eternal torment, and if the Devil is the chief fireman, who is going to keep up the fire when he is destroyed?

In the King James Bible, or Authorized Version Bible, the word "immortality" occurs only five times, and the word "immortal" only once, and the word "incorruption" only four times. At Romans 2:7 a spirit-begotten Christian is admonished to seek immortality, or incorruption. A man does not seek that which he already possesses, hence does not possess immortality. God alone possesses the quality of immortality; as it is written: "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting." (1 Timothy 6:16) Hence when Jesus was on the earth as a man He was not immortal, but God gave Him immortality at His resurrection as a reward for Jesus' faithfulness even unto death. (John 5:26; Revelation 1:18) The faithful overcoming Christians are promised immortality as a glorious reward at their resurrection from the dead at Christ's return and the establishment of His Theocratic kingdom. The promise to them is: "The dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:52-54) It would be inconsistent for the Lord to have put that into His Word if man were already immortal. Now, these scriptures show that man is a soul (Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:45); that he is subject to death as a soul (Ezekiel 18:4; Matthew 10:28); and that he is therefore not immortal (Job 4:17); and these

things being true, it must follow that a man, when he dies, could not go to "purgatory" or "eternal torment" or immediately to heaven. If the dead are to live again, it follows that they are now dead, and not alive anywhere. The resurrection of the dead is so plainly taught in the Bible that there can be no doubt about it.

It is the privilege of those who understand the Bible to comfort others who desire consolation. The Scriptures use the word "sleep" to describe the death state of those in the graves, because sleep denotes a state of unconsciousness from which there is an awakening. Hence it is written, at 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, 17: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

As stated in Psalm 16:10 and Acts 2:27-34, Jesus died and went to "hell", that is, the grave. The third day after death God raised Jesus up out of that condition. He was the first one resurrected from the dead. His resurrection is complete proof of the resurrection of the dead in the graves at His coming and kingdom. To meet the argument of those who in the days of the apostles denied the resurrection of the dead, these words appear at 1 Corinthians 15:12-18, 20-22: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and became the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Christ Jesus] came also the resurrection of the dead."

Christ Jesus was the first one to be resurrected from the dead. Prior to that Lazarus the friend of Jesus was awakened out of death by Jesus for the very purpose of illustrating the manner of the resurrection during His reign. Lazarus afterwards died and in due

time will be completely resurrected on condition of obedience. In further proof that Jesus was the first resurrected, it is written, in Colossians 1:18: "He is . . . the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." (See also 1 Corinthians 15:20.) But on this point many make inquiry concerning what is reported to have taken place at Jesus' death on the tree, as described at Matthew 27:51-53, to wit: "And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." The oldest Bible manuscript, to wit, the Sinaitic MS., omits some words above and reads: "And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, into the holy city, and appeared unto many." The record seems to imply that the earthquake at the time of the Lord's death opened these graves, produced the awakening mentioned; but that the awakened ones tarried and did not manifest themselves in the city of Jerusalem until after the Lord's resurrection. At very most it was an awakening similar to that which Lazarus experienced, and the daughter of Jairus, and the son of the widow of Nain, to die again, later on. We may be sure of this because the express declaration of 1 Corinthians 15:20 is: "Christ is risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept"; the first one lifted completely out of death to perfection of life, the first one resurrected to perfection of existence. The persons mentioned at Matthew 27:52, 53 could have been no more than merely aroused from the slumber of death temporarily, and for some purpose of which we have no present knowledge. Matthew's record, however, may not be describing actual events back there, but may be prophetic of events at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the glory and power of the Theocratic Kingdom.

To know that those now dead in the graves will be awakened and brought back brings hope and consolation to those who mourn the loss of their beloved. Those awakened to life on earth and proving obedient and faithful will inhabit the earth in perfection under the heavenly Theocratic Government. No one could know this without having proof from a reliable source. The Bible contains that proof.

Spain and Portugal

Articles About Portugal



The Portuguese island of Madeira is famous for its woodland and garden beauty. Anyone cutting down a tree is required by law to plant another in its place. Though one of the smallest countries in Europe, Portugal has a colonial empire of nearly 10,000,000 inhabitants. This empire includes three large territories in Africa, four groups of islands in the Atlantic, two portions of India, half the island of Timor, in the East Indies, and the city of Macao, near Hong Kong. Angola and Mozambique, in Africa, have long been coveted by Germany. This may be a reason for Portugal's courting the favors of the Fascist powers, for she is far too weak to put up any resistance should her empire be attacked.—James S. Williams, Lithuania.

Machine-gunning Spanish Refugees

◆ Anything might be expected of the butcher that at Badajoz caused the killing not only of the aged but of boys and girls as young as 12 or 13. Hence it is no surprise to learn that as the last of the refugees fled out of Puigcerda into France the planes of Franco—the Damned machine-gunned the refugees, murdering or wounding a final 1,000. Small wonder that Madrid held out so long, when the people knew in advance what was to be their fate.

The Prisons of "Rebel" Spain

◆ G. M. Huddar, Nagpur, India, soldier in the International Anti-Fascist Brigade, a prisoner in "Rebel" Spain for more than six months of 1938, states that he was often transferred from place to place. The prisons were churches and convents (showing that convent bars have their uses) and were also used for storing the arms and ammunition shipped into the country from Italy.

Trouble Ahead for France

◆ Trouble ahead for France is plainly indicated by the construction lately under way of eleven new airdromes along the Spanish frontier, and the unloading of cargo after cargo of tanks, machine guns, rifles, airplane engines and spare parts, with artillery of all calibers, in the harbor of Rios, Spain. All this work was under German direction and control.

The Pressure on Madrid

◆ During the two and one-half years in which Madrid stood steadfast for the Spanish Republic, it had at all times 40,000 male spies and saboteurs and 10,000 women working against the Republican cause. When the city finally surrendered, after one of the most prolonged and hard-fought sieges of history, 6,500 food trucks were sent into the city, laden with all kinds of good things. It was a shrewd political trick, and it worked. Previously the Madrilenians had full heads and empty stomachs, but after the arrival of the food there were empty heads and full stomachs. Such is man. Six thousand Madrilenians were jailed as criminals, to be tried by military tribunals.

Reduction of Education

◆ It is significant that every dictator relies upon reduction of education to retain his job. The present dictator of Portugal, Premier Oliveira Salazar, has said in so many words that his aim is to reduce education so that they will not be able to read the newspapers and thus be made unhappy by a knowledge of the evil things going on in the world. To that end he is restricting admission to schools, discontinuing educational lectures in Lisbon, and cutting educational outlays to the bone.

Heathen Ceremonies in Spain

◆ General Franco, on the occasion of his triumph at Madrid, participated in several heathen ceremonies. His bodyguard consisted of Moors in white turbans, red capes, blue coats and white trousers. He mounted the steps to the heathen temple under a white silk canopy carried by six heathen priests, and handed his sword to the heathen cardinal Goma y Tomas before the altar of the so-called "Christ" of Lepanto—one of the demons.

The Offense of Being a Patriot

◆ The offense of being a law-abiding patriot, with a fair chance of being murdered for it, was defined by Judas Iscariot Franco as "putting obstacles in the path of the providential and inevitable triumph of the national movement". The providential part came in that the Papacy supplied the financial strength and its sons Mussolini and Hitler provided the soldiers.



The Totalitarian Monstrosity

◆ Totalitarian dictatorship has evolved a new pattern of methods and techniques. Behind a mask of plebiscites, popular elections, and occasional assemblings of a so-called "parliament"—which listens and applauds but doesn't really parley—the government actually functions through and with a single political party which comprises a minority, usually a small minority, of the nation, but which is more or less hand-picked, severely disciplined, and equipped with a monopoly of the means of influencing public opinion and enforcing the will of the dictator. The party permeates and ultimately dominates the army, the courts, the ubiquitous secret police, the schools and universities, the newspapers, radios, and cinemas, the telegraphs and telephones, the pulpits and rostrums, the youth organizations, indeed all organizations, whether economic, social, or cultural. And a Russian Tsar, a Louis XIV or an Alexander the Great might well envy the speed and effectiveness with which dissenters are liquidated, doubters purged, and suspects gathered into concentration camps.

Still another novelty of totalitarianism is its exalting of might and force, not only as means to an end—there is precedent aplenty in Western history for that—but as an end in itself. In earlier and less totalitarian days, a despot who got rid of a foe or appropriated some neighbor's land went to considerable trouble, as a rule, to justify his action on conventional moral grounds. Now the totalitarian despot is hardly expected to offer any explanation at all, and when he does, it bears no trace of the Decalogue or the Sermon on the Mount. It suffices to echo the more up-to-date Nietzschean and pseudo-Darwinian principles that patience is a vice and that progress depends on a struggle for existence and *Lebensraum* for the fittest. Or it may suffice to recite the Marxian creed that proletarians have to fight for what they get and they are always right. The fact remains that brute force is boastfully invoked alike in the internal affairs and for-

eign policies of the totalitarian state. Force against Jews and Christians! Force against domestic critics! Force against Czechs and Albanians, Poles and Finns! The exalting of force and terrorism does not signify merely the immoral doctrine that the end justifies the means. It signifies an utter denial of any moral law superior to the might of dictators. —Carlton J. H. Hayes, professor of history, Columbia University.

The Telltale Connection

◆ Always, when you read in the newspapers of attacks upon Jehovah's witnesses, you will find the report of the attack is given by one or more priests, which is a dead give-away as to who are the real offenders. When the witnesses were assaulted with tomatoes, eggs and grapefruit at Detroit the Associated Press meticulously reported the event, giving the explanations of "Reverend Father" J. J. Britz and "Reverend Father" E. A. Smith, of the Holy Redeemer church, as to how the assaults occurred. The sound-car was wrecked. Bricks and sticks were thrown; also stones. The two dominies were present at the riot. You can guess why they went. A police sergeant was hit with a brick in the neck. When Jehovah's witnesses sought to get a warrant for the arrest of John Fearn (history teacher and coach at the so-called "Holy Redeemer School") for leading the riot, the assistant prosecutor refused to issue a warrant, and let the rioters and destroyers of property off with what the papers report as a "warning" of "both sides against further disturbance". A fine sample of "justice" led around by the nose by Roman Catholic gangsters.

Must Have Lots of "Religion"

◆ Joseph Scott, Knight of Columbus, president of the Los Angeles community chest and the board of education, five times president of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, and one-time nominator of Herbert Hoover for president, has it all figured out. He says:

No nation can be truly great, no people can be free, prosperous and happy without religion. [Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*]

Now take, for instance, China. The reason China is so truly great, free, prosperous and happy is because she has so much religion. India the same. Scott did not say anything about what would happen to a country that has Christianity instead of its opposite, which is religion.

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Achievements of the Hierarchy



On page 48 of his book *The Catholic Crisis* the courageous independent writer, George Seldes, gives the following summary of recent achievements of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in the United States. He also points out that the pope now obtains 90 percent of his international income from one-sixth of the people of the United States. This, of course, would not be possible except for the unmitigated gall and the beautiful and sublime nerve of the engineers of the world's greatest racket:

1. Intimidated and terrorized the entire United States press on the Spanish issue.

2. Denied the constitutional right of free speech to other minorities.

3. Nullified the wishes of the American majority through pressure on Congress on the Spanish and other problems.

4. Censored the movies of the nation from the Catholic viewpoint.

5. Suppressed books and other publications, some for moral reasons, others for sectarian reasons.

6. Boycotted, threatened boycotts, or ruined the business of certain persons favoring loyalist Spain.

7. Forced their minority view on child labor legislation through New York and other legislatures.

8. Intimidated the owners of various radio stations on moral and controversial and political subjects.

9. Threatened violence to liberals and radicals in certain cities.

10. Built up Fascist political machines and gangs, as in Jersey City.

11. Defeated, or helped to defeat, numerous city, state, and national measures of a reformist or liberal tendency; helped maintain or inaugurated legislation of an anti-liberal, anti-labor, anti-progressive, or reactionary nature at various times.

12. Permitted spokesmen to spread anti-Semitism, hatred, prejudice, and a part of its press to do likewise.

13. Interfered with the purchase of books in public libraries, attempting to eliminate liberal books; also intimidated bookshops selling books Catholics think immoral.

14. Made "determined and incessant efforts to embroil the United States with Mexico" . . . contributions "to attempted counter-revolutions."

15. Instigated raids on birth control lectures, clinics, bookshops.

16. Made decent changes in our marriage and divorce laws impossible.

17. Indulged in unadulterated Red-baiting side by side and often in co-operation with America's No. 1 Fascist, W. R. Hearst.

18. Generally allied themselves with non-Catholic reactionary pressure groups which have menaced the liberties of the majority.

Religious Poppcock

◆ The London *Catholic Universe* tells about Christmas in the trenches in France in 1914 and about how "the spirit of the Christ Child intervened" and the British and German soldiers climbed out of their trenches, traded cigarettes for sausage and swapped plum pudding for drinks; how they danced and sang together in "the holy silence that had come upon the fields of war" and "Christ had shown His power over the hearts and minds of men", etc., etc., ad nauseam. The article did not mention that the next day, with the advice and encouragement of their chaplains, they returned to the holy business of blowing one another's entrails into smithereens and the Christ Child was in the hospital with both arms and both legs gone and his lower jaw shot away and his eyes blown out. The *Universe* is simply plying its age-long trade of hypocrisy and trying to make out what a beautiful thing the Devil's civilization really is, after all.

The Holy Inquisition in Spain

◆ The Holy Inquisition continues in Spain. Franco's statement, before his victory, that 'nobody wants the damned eternal Jews because they are a Communist horde' is now bearing the same fruit as in Germany. As late as November, 1939, thousands of Loyalists were still being killed every night in the concentration camps. The famous gold tabernacle is back in the cathedral at Toledo, which shows, plainly enough, that the Republicans never destroyed the church treasures. Religious processions are again the rule. A million political prisoners are still in jail. Those once most active in fighting for liberty are put to death. Two Basque priests who had been sentenced to death are to have thirty years in prison instead. Spain is right back where it was, but is having a hard time to explain to the people how it is that their recent savior, Hitler, is now in cahoots with Stalin, the Bolshevik.

World Is Up Against It

◆ The pope "blessed" the world (of the Devil) on December 8, 1939, and ever since then things have gone from very bad to very much worse, as was to be expected.

Denouncing the Other Crooks



It seems that the racketeers are horning in on each other's territory occasionally now; must be the pickings are poor.

A couple of nuns stopped at the door last Sunday and said they were collecting funds for the local St. Joseph's orphanage. Well, you know that orphanage idea has always gone well around this town, since they take care of a large group of boys over there. Thought it was strange that they were asking for money, since our local community chest hands out a pretty fair portion of its receipts to them each year and it is understood that they are not to do any begging if they get their cut. I gave them what I had in change (thirteen cents) and from now on I shall no doubt be superstitious. Here follows the local news clipping:

NUNS' SOLICITING HERE DENOUNCED

Nuns representing a European order who are reported to be soliciting funds in Jackson are unauthorized to do so, declared the Rev. Father Eugene Cullinane, pastor of St. Mary's parish and dean of the Lansing diocese, Wednesday.

Before soliciting for funds by any Catholic order outside of its diocese can be started, a permit must be obtained from the bishop who in turn notifies the pastors of the various parishes, Fr. Cullinane explained.

The Felician Sisters of St. Joseph's home also stated that they had no connection with the nuns who are seeking charitable contributions in Jackson.

Papa Cullinane ought to know better than to squeal on the poor gals that way, since he of a certainty knows that they only lie and steal that way when they are told to by his brother "Papap". Who knows, perhaps he will want some of his little gals to do some dirty work for him sometime? and I'll bet he would be hopping mad if some other Papa squealed on him.

I am neither a Catholic, Protestant, Jew nor Jehovah's witness, but you have got the church racketeers sized up dead to the right, I think.—G. Reynolds, Michigan.

Exempted from Military Duty

◆ In Germany, Poland and England Roman Catholic priests and students in Catholic seminaries are exempted from military duty; in Belgium they are trained to be stretcher-bearers. In France there are no exemptions; bishops and priests are considered the same as other men; all are liable for military duty.

Papa Likes His Nightie

◆ At a public address in Vatican City the pope said to 2,000 pilgrims:

When you return home, say that you have seen a father dressed in white who loves you and who beseeches the favors of heaven for the whole world.

It is nice to know that in a world where there is so much cussedness the pope finds something that he can admire, even if it is nothing more than his white togs that he puts on for company. By the way, on this subject of men wearing skirts, there is something worth noting in the following:

Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me: behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.—Jeremiah 2: 33-35.

Cockeyed Americans

◆ A few years ago there were certain papers that tried to move heaven and earth to prevent Judge Rutherford from speaking over the radio, and they are still of the same mind. But those very same papers come out and demand that Father Coughlin be allowed to speak his piece over the radio, because, forsooth, this land is the land of free speech. How strange that they never thought of that when they were fighting against Judge Rutherford's rights! The papers in question, among many others, that have thus tried to walk on both sides of the free speech fence at one and the same time, and which, of course, cannot be done at all by any honest person or any honest paper, are the *St. Louis Catholic Herald*, the *Albany Evangelist*, the *Baltimore Catholic Review*, *America*, and the *Milwaukee Herald Citizen*.

"Let's Imitate Rutherford"

◆ "Let's imitate Rutherford" is the headline of a long editorial in the *Michigan Catholic*, urging Catholics to get out and take the Catholic literature from door to door. Never fear; it will not be done. The only consideration that would induce anybody to take the literature from door to door is love of God and love of man, real devotion, real consecration, and this the Hierarchy can neither buy nor develop. Only the truth in a man's heart makes him willing to accept what every door-to-door worker must anticipate and will receive.

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Thinks the Pope Put It Over



Archbishop Joseph Schrembs, of Cleveland, whose paper, *The Catholic Universe*, distinguished itself by calling Judge Rutherford 78 vile names, at the time of the Catholic Hierarchy's conspiracy to prevent him from telling the message of God's Kingdom over the radio, has distinguished himself some more. In a cable to the pope, referring to Roosevelt's sending his ambassador to the Vatican, Schrembs said, "This is a triumph for Your Holiness the like of which has been reserved only for the greatest of the Roman pontiffs."

Pay \$10 and Avoid Cooking

◆ Almost anybody, if he had \$10 to spare, would be willing to let go of it rather than cook forever, "utterly unaided and forgotten after death." If you have saved up \$10 for a new suit or a dress, or tires for the old jalopy, or shoes for the youngsters, you can get rid of the \$10 and learn what a perfect jackass you were by writing to the Society of the Divine Savior, Salvatorian Seminary, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, and ask them for the low-down on the "Mass Association membership for you and your family". It is a beautiful piece of printing and it has the Imprimatur Paulus Petrus, Epps. Sinus Viridis, Sinus Viridi Aug. 11, 1922. That ought to be worth something, say a couple of cents. So all you will lose will be \$9.98. You absolutely get nothing unless you send the \$10, and nothing if you do. That's fair; isn't it?

The Soviet and the Catholic Church

◆ Poland was almost solidly Catholic, and the "Church" had so much influence with the clique that ran the country that they could get anything they wanted. When Russia took over the eastern half of the country the Hierarchy found the going somewhat harder. *The Catholic Times* whined:

In many villages the Soviet authorities are levying exorbitant taxes "for the maintenance of the church" with the obvious aim of alienating the peasantry from the parish priests by making the latter to appear "an expensive luxury" in the eyes of the people.

They were always that, anyway. What the Bolsheviks have probably been doing is to publish the facts so that the peasantry can see for themselves how they have been robbed by the religious gangsters who are over them.

"Christ Dieth No More"

◆ The Scripture statement that "Christ dieth no more" (Romans 6:9) ought to be enough for any man; but it is not enough for the Devil. He wants to make it clear that Christ is being continually put to death, by priests who receive a monetary consideration therefor. This is strikingly brought out in the headlines of an article in the *London Catholic Herald*, which headlines read, "Mass is not a prayer meeting, a communion service, but a sacrifice." The object of this false teaching is to make the priest superior to Almighty God. Indeed it is the claim of Catholic theologians that any Catholic priest, at any time he chooses, can command Almighty God to come down and be sacrificed afresh and He will have to come.

No, Thank You, Kind Sir

◆ VATICAN CITY, Dec. 5.—Pope Pius XII has returned a courteous refusal to a British suggestion that the Holy See join an anti-Communist front, it was understood today.

Reliable quarters said the pope replied, through Msgr. William Godfrey, apostolic delegate to London, that though he had long encouraged the world's Catholics to struggle against the spread of Communism, the Vatican could not associate itself with any combination of powers for purely political purposes.

The British proposal, it was learned, called for the formation of a bloc of powers, such as the British Empire, France, Spain, the United States and other nations wishing to halt Communist expansion.—Cincinnati (Ohio) *Post*.

Hungary Bows to Pacelli

◆ In accord with the Vatican demand that the truth must be suppressed, the government of Hungary issued an order December 13, 1939, suppressing the work of Jehovah's witnesses in that land. The dispatch which contained this information stated in one sentence that these witnesses are largely drawn from the most destitute classes in Hungary and, in the very next sentence, that the Roman Catholic primate of Hungary, Cardinal Seredi, "condemned the modern atheistic trend." The Roman Catholic Hierarchy is rolling in wealth, considers itself god, and thinks that any people denouncing its ungodly racket is atheistic, Communistic and all the other "istics" it knows how to pronounce.

Must Be Pious While Disemboweling



Priests in France and perhaps some other countries must be common soldiers the same as other men, and must thus participate in such acts as disemboweling their fellows when occasion arises. The pope recently urged all priests under arms to fulfill their duties in an exemplary manner. They were to do what they could to "draw souls to salvation". It would be hard for a man who had somebody's bayonet in his abdomen to feel particularly drawn toward the man who put it there, but the pope did not specially mention this exercise in his apostolic exhortation.

The Racket of Infinite Conceit

◆ A dispatch from Rome, sent out by the United Press, referred to the condition of the pope's health and on authority of "Vatican sources" said of the pope that "his severe penance, including fasting, for atonement of the world's ills, also contributed to his condition". James said "The friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4), and Paul said of Satan that "the god of this world [meaning thereby the Devil] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not". The real God, the God of the Bible, would not receive with favor anything that the pope would do.

Her Caricatures Were Too Funny

◆ Miss Catherine Grosspietsch, of Milwaukee, is mad, and you cannot blame her. All her life, for she is a Catholic, she has been seeing archbishops and monsignors and things like that, and so when she got big enough to make paintings she tried to illustrate these, what she calls "soldiers of the soul". She made a hit all right, but she made the paunches too big, albeit unintentionally, and she and other artists were sore when her picture was forced out of an art exhibition because her "soldiers" looked too porky to run. They could only roll.

Pope "Blesses" Mussolini

◆ The pope officially "blessed" Mussolini. The dispatches do not indicate that he said anything about Il Duce's achievements in destroying the native population of Libya, butchering the natives of Ethiopia, betraying the Spanish Republic, grabbing Albania, or participating in the infamies that led to the dissolution of Czechoslovakia, but he just "blessed" him on the general principles that actuate both men. It is well.

Scheduled to Get Ford's Pile

◆ All drivers of Ford cars may now rejoice in the practical certainty that the bulk of Henry's billions will go to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, to spend as they see fit. The key to the situation lies in the fact that his favorite grandson, Henry Ford II, is receiving instruction from "Reverend Father" Sheen in the Roman Catholic religion and he is expecting to marry Miss Alice McDonnell, whose church does not need to be guessed.

It Took Four Months

◆ After Roosevelt sent his personal ambassador to the pope it took almost four months to have Washington made into a separate archdiocese. This is a little slow, in view of the pope's urgent desire to get control of all governments at the earliest possible moment, but it will have to do, under all the circumstances.

Roosevelt's Obedience

◆ Not only did Roosevelt obey the Roman Hierarchy's wishes in sending a personal ambassador to the pope, but, according to Ernest Lindley, paragrapher in the *Washington Post*,

As president, Roosevelt has appointed to office more Catholics, several times over, than any other president in our history.

Who Paid the Bill?

◆ There is no chance of finding out, but here is wondering if United States ambassador to Britain, Joseph P. Kennedy, paid his own expense from London to Vatican City and back on the anniversary of Pacelli's coronation, or if, as a taxpayer, you helped to pay it yourself.

"Blessing" Animals in Los Angeles

◆ In the Old Church, Los Angeles, animals are "blessed" every spring. Pictures at hand show the blessing of birds, dogs, burros and cows. A jackass does the "blessing". The jackass has on a beautiful lace coat. How they do love lace!

A Nice Religious Grandma

◆ At White Cloud, Michigan, Mrs. Matilda Cassidy (guess her "church") confessed that she got one of her sons to kill her Protestant daughter-in-law so that her grandchildren could be brought up in her own "faith".

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Headed for the Ditch

The Mobilization Plans

◆ Every thoughtful person who is willing to face the issue will admit that if the United States goes into the next world war, and it is a protracted struggle, this country will be organized on such a completely totalitarian basis that return to democracy, as we now know it, will be difficult if not impossible.

That was the burden of much of General Johnson's testimony before a Senate committee on Monday. At about the same hour, ex-Governor Martin of Oregon was warning a Portland audience that conscription of wealth in war-time would destroy the profit system and "the whole character of the American people". In this connection, it is worth while quoting Herbert Hoover's speech at Chicago on February 1:

A great war today is a mobilization of the whole people. That means democracy must temporarily surrender to dictatorship. . . . It means that our country must be mobilized into practically a Fascist state. . . . Let us recognize that a war to save liberty would probably destroy liberty. In my view another great war will make dictatorship universal.

Then consider the testimony of Homer T. Bone, senator from Washington, who states: "The first price the United States will pay upon entry into a war is a form of dictatorship, the like of which this republic has never witnessed." And an acute observation on the subject was contained in H. L. Mencken's jocular address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors at Washington, D. C., the other day. He said that a considerable part of the American press, which was beating the tom-toms for war, was trying to save democracy by giving it up.

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The reality is that the War department has prepared a series of bills, comprising a general mobilization plan, to be submitted to Congress the moment war begins. Some time back the Senate munitions committee forced these bills into the open, over the protest of the War department. In their entirety they are sufficiently autocratic to suit the taste of

any dictator. "They not only control all forms of business, but go so far as to control the services of every human being under the flag."—Portland *Oregonian*.



More "Peace in our Time"

Unparalleled Regimentation Ahead

◆ If and when America gets into the war the exemptions will be those needed for industries essential to the war, government workers, ministers of churches, aliens, and persons physically unfit. Wages may be regulated. Persons may not be allowed to go elsewhere for better wages. Women and children may be put to work to take the places of men. Laws fixing hours of work and pay may be

set aside. Prices of food, clothing and shelter may be fixed. Rents may be fixed. Supplies of electricity may be rationed or interrupted, and railroad and airplane trips cancelled.

Plans for U. S. Draft

◆ Plans have already been made for the drafting of 1,000,000 men in ninety days, if and when the new war extends to the United States. It is further disclosed that there are 26,000,000 persons between the ages of 18 and 45 that may be drafted for military duty, and 41,000,000 males between the ages of 18 and 64 that the government may conclude to use for war purposes.

Victory in Hubbard, Ohio

THIS is a pleasant sequel to the story "Fighting for Liberty in Hubbard, Ohio" published by *Consolation* in Oct., 1939. Ever since then every effort of both sides was bent to win. This morning's headlines in the leading papers of Mahoning Valley adequately say, "WITNESSES WIN FIGHT AT HUBBARD, OHIO," as the clipping of the first-page story enclosed will tell. Newsboys were yelling, "Read all about the defeat of Hubbard," or, "Jehovah's witnesses beat Hubbard." None, however, shouted the proper slogan, which should have been "Jehovah God gives victory to His people, Jehovah's witnesses". To Him all honor and glory is due, and, as will quickly be discerned by this tale, to Him belongs all the credit for this victory.

Unbelievable conditions existed in this village during the late summer of last year. Every assembly of the Lord's people was molested; every time our publishers appeared they found themselves pelted with rotten vegetables and fruits and with stones. We could not walk on the streets, we could not show our face, without being subjected to vile language. Our publishers were thrown into filthy jails promiscuously, and released, and no charges preferred against them.

Then, in August, we came to the Common Pleas Court in Warren and upon an Alternative Writ asked for a temporary injunction. We had a hearing, which hearing lasted an entire day, during which time we presented evidence eclipsing even some of the sordid deeds of Hitler's Gestapo. The court gave a decision, and the decision was, "No permanent injunction." From then on this case was frozen stiff in the clutches of the Warren Oligarchy and every attempt to thaw it out failed. No justice anywhere. No redress. Persecution continued. Our only succor in those days was the knowledge that "the Lord is our shepherd", that He "will fight our enemies". Thus we went on, unmindful of the barbed and sneering language of our enemies, unmindful of their missiles of hate, unmindful even of the fact that we lost our meeting place in Hubbard.

After that decision was given, though famous for its evasiveness it shall ever be, slowly we found Hubbard authorities relaxing. First, they stopped tearing off our signs; then they permitted us to march; then they restrained the mobs; and finally, two weeks ago, when

one of our witnesses stood on the sidewalk offering the magazines with proper slogans, Marshal Greer approached him and said, "You are doing good work; if anyone molests you, come to me and I'll stop them."

Why this reversal? Because of a change of heart? For the sake of those involved we wish it were that. But not so. The leopard does not change his spots. Here are the real facts:

Damage Suits

Realizing that the injunction was out, we countered with 32 \$5,000 damage suits for false arrest. The Lord's people have no time to fool with excessive litigation. Nor are we interested in collecting money for the reproaches which fall upon us in the carrying out of the commission entrusted to us by the Lord of Hosts. No one could pay us for these privileges to bear the same reproaches that fell upon Jesus, with any amount of filthy lucre.

Why, then, the suits? Because that was the only other effective way left us to protest loudly the injustices done to our publishers. Our reasoning was, Come before as many juries as possible; and in this case it would have meant 32 trials, with 32 times 13 jurors; with the attending publicity of such a long string of trials we would at least have had a real chance to bring the truth before the people of Trumbull county.

These suits, however, had another intent, and, apparently, also another effect. They became the means by which we finally won.

These officials were called to Warren and were told, "Stop bothering these people, stop arresting them, quit permitting mobs, or you will regret it." Even though they wanted to back down, in fact were compelled to back down by what they were told in the "secret place of Satan's organization", they had to continue to jockey for position. They took up the arrest of witness Ed Hall, the man whom they mercilessly beat up, and had him indicted on twelve counts, charging him with everything on the calendar. A successful prosecution of all these points would have resulted in a five-year sentence for the man.

This trial was to have come up in January; then it was postponed week after week until last week. Suddenly, instead of the criminal trial, we found ourselves called upon to try

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'Witnesses' Suits Dropped Win Fight Religious Group Will At Hubbard Not Press Damage Litigation

(Special to The Vindicator)

Warren, March 30.—Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious group, has been granted a permanent injunction against officials of the Village of Hubbard who allegedly interfered

Injunction to Prevent
Village from Alleged
Interference

with the organization's right of assemblage and dissemination of literature.

The injunction was granted by Common Pleas Judge Lynn B. Griffith who held that a village ordinance requiring a permit for parades is valid, but that the religious group could not be denied the right of distributing its literature and moving for worship "as long as said worshiping does not interfere with the rights of others."

The suit was brought by Pearl Loveless, a member of the Witnesses, in behalf of herself and other members of the body.

"Fundamental Law"

"The court finds that the plaintiff and those the plaintiffs have the right to assemble peacefully and to spread the Gospel as Jehovah's Witnesses so long as same is done in a peaceful manner, and so as not to interfere with the rights of others in the lawful use of the streets," the journal entry in the case says.

"The court finds further that the plaintiffs have the right to disseminate Christian literature to persons on the streets and to the homes without the interference of the defendants, providing same is done in a lawful manner. It is a fundamental law of our land that all people shall have the right to worship their God

as they choose, and so long as this is done without interfering with the rights of others, there must be no interference on the part of the defendants," the entry continues.

The court criticized as unlawful the arrest of a number of members of the group who were later released without having charges placed against them. Judge Griffith ordered property seized by village officers returned to the organization.

As a result of the injunction 32 damage suits against Hubbard officials have been dropped. A case in federal court at Cleveland over the same issue likely will be dismissed, officials of the organization reported.

our suit—damage suit of \$50,000 for the false arrest of Hall. The trial began last Friday. A jury was selected. Our counsel looked over the jury. The courtroom was filled to the brim. Then came the counsel's questions to the jury, "Are you a Roman Catholic?" A hush came over the audience. Four Catholics were dismissed on peremptory challenges. Then for the trial. Under cross-examination by our counsel, Greer finally admitted that he could have arrested Hall without violence, but, since he had iron nippers he had to use, he said, "I had them; so I used them." "You had a gun, too," counsel retorted; "why didn't you use it?" "Didn't have to," replied Greer. Then came 4:30; trial was postponed until next day.

The writer was approached, "Why not forget bygones? you are no longer molested in Hubbard; you can do whatever you want." The reply was, "Permit a move for a trial on the merits of the Loveless case; permit the issuance of a permanent injunction, thus securing these rights once and for all; and we will show you that we believe 'vengeance belongs to the Lord'."

The next morning it happened. Hubbard agreed to the trial. Out it came. Same evidence of last August was introduced by both plaintiff and defendants, accepted by the court, by the very same judge, and the decision a "Permanent Injunction", which document is enclosed.

The court says, in effect, "The Hubbard ordinance is good and proper for parades," but "you cannot apply it to the plaintiff, Jehovah's witnesses, as their work is worshiping God in their own manner and form"; then goes on and says, "We heartily disapprove of

these arrests." Then the court issued a three-fold restrainer of a permanent nature; and thus we got the first permanent injunction ever obtained in our work.

With this injunction we have the assurance that the present affected state of friendliness in Hubbard official circles will become a permanent feature, no longer governed by the whim and caprices of the real instigators behind the scenes.

One last attempt was made by these men to camouflage the issue. On Friday night a story came out, "Jehovah Sect Drops All Suits." A garbled story purported to say that we had lost. We went to the papers involved. The editor was astonished. He had been unacquainted with the real facts. We gave him the copy of the decision. "Why, this is a permanent injunction!" he retorted. So it was; so it was. But what about the story? Well, only one thing would satisfy; it had to be on the front page; it had to read, "WITNESSES WIN FIGHT AT HUBBARD." As you saw at the outset, that is precisely what the headline was.

As for the damage suits, they have served their purpose and are being dropped. We have no time to waste, now. With renewed vigor, with joy and thankfulness in our hearts, we go on, certainly towards an unmistakable victory, towards the vindication of Jehovah's name at Armageddon.

In all of this it must at all times be remembered that Jehovah's witnesses have no fight with any individuals, but are only putting forth their very best endeavors to make known the Theocratic Government of Jehovah God through Christ Jesus, which is the only means of blessing the peoples of the earth.—W. J. Schnell, Ohio.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

"Pope's Air-Raid Shelter"

● The *Daily Mirror*, under this heading, reports: "Air-raid precautions are being carried out at the Vatican. A special air-raid shelter for the pope is being prepared in an ancient tower which was built in the fifth century by Pope Nicholas V. The tower has walls 27 feet thick. An armored safety room is being prepared near the pope's private apartments." As Pope Nicholas V lived in the fifteenth century, probably the *Mirror* has made a slip. The interesting bit in the item is the fact that the "representative of God in the earth", who says he is the vicegerent of Christ and reigns in the earth on behalf of Christ, should even think of having a hole in which to hide from air raids. If the pope got caught in an air raid, would he hurry to his hide-out as the pope, or for the time being leave his title and insignia behind and until the "all-clear" signal? Men will not blame the pope for this precaution for his safety in time of danger, but the account of his preparation, and especially (if it should happen) an account of his hurrying off and his return to his care of the kingdoms of the earth "as God's representative", would surely make some of them think.

The history of the Papacy, from its earliest days to the present time, bears no evidence of its being under the care and supervision of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its records reveal it as a scheming political power acting under the guise of religion, pursuing its course through the centuries with the same dark and bloody means now so much in evidence in the earth, and, like the ravaging nations, it has met with setbacks. These with its own internal disruptive troubles ought to have been sufficient to prove the falsity of its claims to be the church of Christ. Those who are instructed by the Scriptures know the reason why it has not fallen like the many political powers which have risen and fallen in Europe. It has been preserved, not by God, nor because of fidelity to the teachings of Christ, but because of the prince of evil, the Devil, Satan, whom Jesus called "the prince of this world", and

who has been permitted of God to act as an angel of light until the day of his judgment. That day is here, and all who will may learn of it and of the way yet open to escape from the snares of the Devil, and find the place of safety through the knowledge of the Word of God, and obedience thereto.

Tempted of the Devil

● One of the three temptations by which the Devil sought to destroy Jesus and to thwart the purpose of God was that of obtaining the rulership of all the kingdoms of the World by the Devil's aid. Jesus knew Satan was "the prince of this world", and there was no argument about his inability to do what he suggested, if only Jesus would worship him. Jesus defeated the temptation and the tempter by using the word of God through Moses: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." The Devil failed with Jesus, and he has failed with all Jesus' faithful followers; for all these have kept themselves unspotted from the world. But he has succeeded with the churches, especially with those great systems, each of which professes to be the church of Christ, and acts in His name, particularly so in the making of its priests and claiming apostolic right and succession.

As the numbers of professed believers in Christ increased they were deceived by false teachers into believing that the kingdom of Christ, which was to be set up in the earth with universal dominion on His return, was, in fact, already established, and that the whole body of believers constituted that kingdom, its bishops being its princes. As the years advanced the bishops and their fellows in Rome, taking advantage of the political situation, proclaimed Rome the center of the churches and its bishop as head of all the churches, and that this rule was the actual operation of the kingdom of heaven on earth. In later days Protestantism disputed the right of the popes to sole headship, and claimed that the systems they established had equal rights with the Roman Catholic church, and were as much a part of the kingdom of heaven as that church. This is the claim of the lot of them; and acting as princes in the churches, and 'with the authority of Christ the head of the church of God', but doing so wholly without authority from the Scriptures, they reveal themselves as having fallen before the Devil's temptation. The church of the Living God cannot have power and authority in the earth till the King

is fully revealed, and the Kingdom fully set up.

This delusion of the Devil holds the clergy fast in its bonds, and the honor they have taken from one another and that which has been accorded to them by those whom they have misled blind their eyes and prevent them also from hearing, that they might believe. (See John 5:44.) Like the vicar of Billericay, they content themselves with a general (and very loose) idea of what the Scriptures say: they prefer not to know its message of the purpose of God, and of the manner of the Kingdom's establishment with the destruction of all that has falsely claimed to represent it. In consequence of their false theory about the kingdom of heaven which can fully come only when they have got all the earth into subjection to their churches, they are shut in to the hope and expectation of bringing in that kingdom by the slow process of conversion; and in this they are plainly losing all the time.

Canterbury Dovecote

● Canterbury cathedral's "red dean", about whom comment was recently made, has made his subordinate cathedral deans see red. They combined in a statement sent to the *Times* newspaper declaring their utter disagreement with the dean in his political beliefs and that in their opinion his activities are a definite hindrance to the spiritual life of the cathedral interests. The five of them are in a kind of passive strike against the dean: they absent themselves from the cathedral's services when he is conducting, and otherwise mark him out as obnoxious to them. It is a shocking thing to have the cathedral of Canterbury represented on a Communist platform, so they think. And certainly when the dean asserts that the Soviet Republics have given the world a lesson in practical Christianity—meaning by that the abolishing of class distinctions, and its (professed) care for all its workers—he has laid himself open to contradiction from his church associates, and certainly reveals that he does not know the Christianity of true discipleship. The dean is in a secure position in his office: there is no authority that can expel him from it. Probably he will be excommunicated socially and compelled to resign. The dean has not come out of the same mould as the vicar of Billericay (mentioned later): he does some thinking for himself and has the courage to speak out his thoughts; but why men such as he con-

tinue to hold office in and give support to the church systems is not easy to understand, except on the supposition that the untruth they profess to believe has completely blinded them and dulled the understanding.

"Wars and Rumours of Wars"

● The pressure of the war is making itself felt in the land. Outwardly it is still true that in the cities and the shires there is neither excitement nor commotion; but money is unavoidably losing some of its purchasing power, and it is impossible for Government control to be extended to all household needs. There is great activity in all phases of business and manufacturing industries, but considerable dislocation and limitation, all quietly borne; and if the conflict between the two great armies breaks out, with the certain result of far worse conditions, there is nothing to indicate other than a purpose to bear what comes as the price to pay. But that fear of what may come weighs heavily on those responsible for the country's welfare, on those who have great possessions to retain, and on those who view the possible limitation of the freedom so long enjoyed, is plainly to be seen. In the meantime the faithful disciples of Jesus and those "who have fled for refuge" realize the strength of comfort in Jesus' word when He said of these days, "See that ye be not troubled." They are not in fear; for the reason, they are not in the dark. Not indifferent, they are not agitators for peace, but urgently bear witness to the truth which Jesus brought, and which they are commissioned to bear to the people.—Matthew 24:14.

A Vicar Got Angry

● The vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Billericay, Essex, wants to have his rural districts advised that he has been angry, very angry, and even allowed himself to be rude. Perhaps he knows that his parishioners think of him as so mild a man that he could not rise to anger, and he would like them to know that he can get very angry on occasion. It appears that one of Jehovah's witnesses called at the vicarage, and wishing the vicar to have the advantage of learning what the book *Salvation* tells of the way of life and the purpose of God in this day of the establishment of His kingdom under Christ Jesus, offered the book to him in exchange for one shilling and six pence. That any such person should offer something to instruct him outraged the vicar, and he

took the chance to forget that he was a church of England parson, which boasts that it has at least put a "gentleman" in every parish in England. The vicar tells his parishioners, "I know I was rude, but I was really angry." If he had left the incident, his temper and the offense against the witnesser to the kingdom of Christ would have been no more than an unpleasant memory. But the vicar publishes the incident in his magazine, and advertises his snobbishness. He speaks of Jehovah's witnesses as religious quacks—though it is he that did the quacking; calls them queer people of the kind that flourish in wartime. He says he was asked to pay a shilling and six pence in advance, a statement which may be labeled as a lie; for Jehovah's witnesses do not collect money on promise of future delivery, but carry their literature with them for ready exchange. The "reverend" gentleman says the book is written "by a certain Judge Rutherford". It may be that the vicar of Billericay is known outside his parish, but if he knows anything at all he knows the name of Judge Rutherford is honorably known the world over as a foremost expounder of the Scriptures. The vicar may not know that more than 300,000,000 books and booklets written by Judge Rutherford have been placed with the people during the past seventeen years, and that scores of thousands of persons have been led into the light of the Scriptures, and to full consecration to the service of God. Multitudes have by this means had their eyes opened to the false claims of the churches, and to the fact that religion is the Devil's great snare, his chief means for keeping men from Christianity and the true worship of God.

The vicar of Billericay is evidently a firm believer in the trade unionism of priestcraft. He would have his flock learn what they may wish to know of what the Bible reveals of the purpose of God from "the scholars of high standing in the church of England", who, he says, "have written many helpful books . . . on such subjects as the second coming of our Lord, etc." The "etc." is interesting, for it indicates the poverty of the vicar's knowledge of what the Lord and the apostles tell of the second coming. As a loyal supporter of his church institution he has not given himself any concern about that which is the main topic of the apostles in what they said and wrote. The church of England in its statement of what is certainly to be believed, that is, its 39 articles, was compelled to insert the fact

that the coming again of Jesus is to be believed by every professed believer. But that church, like Rome, puts that return into the far distant future, and has nothing more to say about it. The vicar tells of writings published by church theologians; but these have no authority in the church, and the majority of the parsons, like the vicar of Billericay, give themselves no concern as to what the Scriptures have to say concerning the purposes of God as declared by the prophets by whom He spoke; and probably most of them put the Lord's return among the etceteras. The fact is, of course, that the church of England makes no call on its parish clergy beyond compliance with its prayer book, and in these later days, when actual unbelief in the Bible as the revelation of God has permeated the whole of its clergy, high and low, it does not require conformity to its own standards. When a man is being made a priest (professedly of the church of God) both the bishop who takes the vow of allegiance and the man who makes it know they are acting a part: each knows that neither of them believes the creeds of the church nor the Scriptures on which the creeds are supposed to be founded.

The vicar says his idea of the Bible is that it points out where "we fail in our duty towards God . . . tells of God's forgiveness, and of the ultimate victory of good over evil", and apparently that is all he and his parishioners need to know, so long as they go to church and support it. If he would let himself listen to the sounds of the storm of the time of trouble which is gathering, would read some of the literature he so snobbishly despises, he might learn sufficient to enable him to get from under the shelter of his church before its collapse. The great superstructure of the religionists is surely the house built upon the sand, about which Jesus said, "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."—Matthew 7: 26, 27.

Magnetic Mines Go Kerflop

◆ The magnetic mines from which Germany hoped for so much have gone kerflop. The British discovered that stringing a copper cable an inch in diameter around the ship and keeping it charged with electricity neutralizes the electric charges in the mines, draws all the magnetism out of them, and in thirty minutes they become dead and float.

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Africa

The Warthog's Backward Glance

◆ The African warthog, which looks like a hog but has warts all over his face, thus making him less handsome, has difficulty in looking backward, because his neck is so short. When he wants to get a view of the rear he throws his head up in the air and looks over his shoulders upside down. Also, the gentleman is suspicious, and distinguishes himself by backing into his hole. Naturalists who themselves could not look in a mirror without cracking the glass have vied with one another in saying that the warthog is the homeliest creature that walks.

In the Heart of Africa

◆ In the heart of Uganda, once the center of "Darkest Africa", is a native chief who speaks thirteen languages, three of them European. An Oxford University graduate, he has a library containing many standard works. He is a practical surveyor and astronomer, and in the present state of "Christendom" might be in many worse places than the little village in Uganda where he makes his home.

Life in Senegambia

◆ A British colonial report shows that life in Senegambia is somewhat easier for a government official at 13 shillings (\$3.15) a day than for a native worker at 9 pence (18c) a day. In the capital of Senegambia the infant mortality rate is three times as high as in England, and in the interior is four times as great. Does Senegambia need God's government? What do you think?

Water Supply on Trestles

◆ The Italians put in a new water supply for Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, and did it in a hurry and did it well. The water is brought in in steel pipes, mounted on trestles of the same material, and the supply is adequate and good.

Only Seven Percent Stayed

◆ After the rape of Ethiopia, Mussolini transported 200,000 Italians to his new land of promise but only seven percent of them stayed. The theft did not pay.

There IS a Way of Escape!!

"Today every nation is in the grip of fear. In many nations there is internal distress and disturbance. Dictators imperil all nations, and even now the liberties of the people are about all gone. In these modern days wars begin without a formal declaration and truly it is now said that uneasy lie the heads of those who rule. Fearing an attack from some source, each nation is making enormous preparation for war, and this furnishes further excuse to deprive the people of their liberties. It is believed by many that armed conflict involving all nations of the earth is just at the threshold, and hence all nations are attempting to forti-

fy themselves against such an emergency. Is there any way to escape to a place of safety? Only those who believe, understand and confidently rely upon God and His Word know what is soon to come to pass. Unbiased consideration of what follows will enable each person of good will to see and fully appreciate the only way of escape." The above is from the opening paragraphs of Judge Rutherford's latest book, *SALVATION*, already in the hands of more than 2,000,000 people. You may have a copy of *SALVATION* on a 25c contribution. For convenience use the coupon below. You can get this book free by taking advantage of the offer on the next page!

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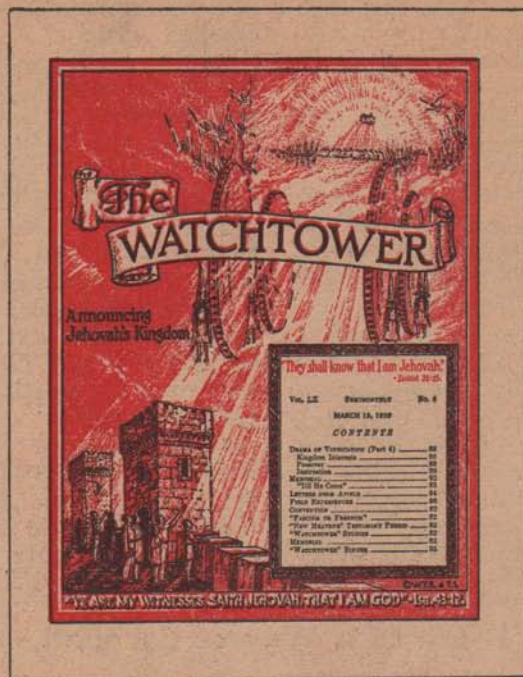
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Appetizers

Up Boston Way

"How old are you?" inquired the visitor of his host's little son.

"That's a difficult question," answered the young man, removing his spectacles and wiping them carefully. "The latest personal survey available shows my psychological age to be 12, my moral age 4, my anatomical age 7, and my physiological age 6. I suppose, however, that you refer to my chronological age, which is 8. That is so old-fashioned that I seldom think of it any more."—*Labor*.

The Politest Boy

Fussy Man—"Here, boy, where does Mr. Smythe live?"

Polite Boy—"I'll show you, sir," and he started to climb the stairs. Up six flights he went with the visitor following breathlessly. Finally he paused at an open door and said, "This is where Mr. Smythe lives."

Fussy Man—"He doesn't seem to be home," peering into the room.

Polite Boy—"No; he was standing at the entrance as we came in."—*Tit-Bits*.

All Modern Conveniences

A little girl brushing her hair found that it crackled, and asked her mother why it did. "Why, dear, you have electricity in your hair," explained the mother.

"Isn't that funny?" commented the little one. "I have electricity in my hair and grandmother has gas in her stomach."—*Australian Consolation*.

Expecting Too Much

Mother: Willie, a while ago there were two pies here on the shelf; now there is one. How is that?

Willie: Well, I just couldn't eat another one.—*Kellygram*.

Should Be More Independent

A little boy who had to rock the cradle for his baby sister: "Mamma, if the Lord has any more babies to give away, don't you take them."

In a Michigan Sunday School

Teacher: What does it mean to deliver a man?

Pupil: To deliver a man means to remove his liver.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Religious Governments versus The Theocracy

(In Two Parts—Part 1)

THE views herein set forth can hardly be any more popular than they were in the days of Christ Jesus. He was not interested in the politics of the Roman Empire. He taught that hate is murder and that the clergy are hypocrites. His followers were of the meek and lowly. They were not trying to rise in the community. They were not cowards. They were not liars. They were not afraid to tell the truth and take the consequences behind bars or on the tree.

The memoirs of Gabriel Hanotaux explain that the United States was put into the World War by the banking house of J. P. Morgan. It was done officially by the American ambassador to France, Myron T. Herrick, and two official representatives of the house of Morgan, namely, Robert Bacon and William G. Sharp. The deal was made just after President Wilson had been re-elected because he had kept America out of the war. The guaranteed reversal of American opinion was done by 25 papers under Morgan control. They knew in advance what they had the power to do, and did it by that means.

The house of Morgan believes in paying taxes only when it must. So said Mr. Morgan, head of the house, in explanation of why he paid no income taxes in 1930 and 1931. Mr. Morgan's father was a very religious man, one of the main spokes in the wheel of the Anglican Church in the United States.

Putting the United States into the World War was not entirely altruistic. It was correctly calculated that there would be huge financial returns, and there were. In the four years before the war the average annual profit of the United States Steel Company was \$105,000,000, but during the four years of the war their profits were of the annual average

of \$240,000,000. In the case of Bethlehem Steel the respective figures were \$7,000,000 and \$49,000,000. In the case of the Du Pont Company, \$6,000,000 and \$58,000,000.

Du Pont Patriotism

When he visited this country a few years ago it was said that Eugene Pacelli, now Pius XII, invested huge sums of the church in the Du Pont enterprises. Probably he knew war was coming. One of President Roosevelt's sons married one of the Du Pont girls.

The big financiers believe in getting theirs in this life, especially if they are interested in the munition business. The papers which they own publish what they are supposed to publish, the banks do what they are told, the governments are silent or reverse their policies and the politicians are their clerks.

One of America's frugal millionaires had \$245,000,000 quite some years back. If Adam had worked at \$115 a day and worked seven days in the week and were still alive, and saved every cent he made, he would have even less than this man. This rich man wants not less money, however, but more, very much more, and knows how to get it, too. This man is a very religious man, extremely so.

At present America is in the midst of a widely advertised drive for more religion in government, in business and in everything else. The president of the United States, and the big financiers, are back of it. The religion may be of any kind, Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, only so that it is religion. The more, the better.

The head of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was one of the most religious men in New York. He was the official lecturer of the Stock Exchange on the sub-

ject of honesty. When he stole \$2,000,000, and went to prison for it, he caused the death of innocent men who lost their lives because of his crookedness. Whitney was closely connected with the house of Morgan. One of the governors of the Stock Exchange wanted an investigation made of that establishment, but the rest of the governors lacked the nerve to go ahead with such an investigation; so Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, resigned from the Board.

Brotherliness Among Munition Makers

There is real brotherliness among munition makers. Regardless of the flag that flies above them, they work hand in hand. During the World War they did a tremendous business with one another, much of it via Switzerland. They protected one another's plants. When peace was in sight they were in conference as to how the war could be prolonged.

Europe's methods are crude. Here the same crowd are in control of the banks and have the details worked out so that they can issue legal tender for \$1,000 at a cost of only 27c. Originally the Federal Reserve was to pay some interest for their use of the Government's credit; they were to fix the amount; they fixed it at zero. Originally the racket was to be for twenty years; they solemnly made it to be perpetual. The natural result of this control of credit is that less than 600 firms own more than half of the corporate wealth of the U.S.A.

But back to Europe. When the time came to rearm Germany, so-called "mail" planes were sold to Germany exactly like the fighting planes sold to the United States Navy. Germany was also sold, "for industrial purposes," powder, bullets and machine guns. Hitler was shoved into power by the big industrialists and the big church or religion crowd, Thyssen, Krupp and von Papen. Sir Henry Deterding, famous British capitalist, put up a loan of \$200,000,000 to help the good cause along.

Germany was not slighted in any way. The Electric Boat Company plans and specifications were used indiscriminately for making submarines for Britain, Canada, Ireland, India, United States, Cuba, Japan, Netherlands, Australia, Spain, Germany, and Italy. The French-owned Skoda, Czechoslovakia's great armament firm, donated millions of marks to the campaign fund which put Hitler in power. The American firm of Pratt and Whitney supplied Hitler with the airplane engines wherewith he has wrecked Europe.

The surrender of Czechoslovakia was fixed up four years in advance in the private office of the head of the Bank of England. In that year (1934) English armament firms placed huge advertisements in German papers offering for sale tanks and guns prohibited by the Versailles treaty. Chamberlain and his son were then and probably are now heavy shareholders in munition industries.

What the German people are up against as regards the munitions crowd may be gathered from the fact that the big fellows now have works' prisons, where employees can be jailed and beat up without the formalities of outside trials. As a further exhibit in this connection, please consider the following extract from the Annual Report of Krupps for the year just prior to the resumption of the World War:

The committee desires to report that it has taken full cognizance of reports that a conference to bring to pass a reduction of armaments is to be held, and that it has definitely established that these reports are baseless. The industry may, therefore, be assured that the coming year (of 1939) will be a period of undisturbed activity and steadily increasing prosperity.

The Religious Nation of Japan

Japan is one of the most religious nations in the world. It claims to have 8,000,000 deities, and is always willing to add more, provided the new religions will recognize Shinto (i.e., that the Japanese emperor is descended from the gods) as the all-essential basic proposition. All missionaries to Korea must now bow before Shinto or get out. Some of the missionaries did so, in order to keep themselves in pay checks, but it was too much for the Presbyterians and they had the gump-tion to see that it is mere heathenism; so they packed up and left.

The Japan Times, Tokyo, quotes with approval the following statement respecting its undeclared war in China:

The voice of justice has come from the Vatican. Never before has such whole-hearted support of Japan's present action in China been given outside the nation. Furthermore, the significance of the Holy See's instructions lies in the fact that there are almost four hundred million Roman Catholics to whom the Vatican's word is law. Thus it may be said that one-fourth of the population of the world is supporting Japan in the China incident. The Catholic Church has supported us, has urged us to fight for the prevention of Communist penetration in Asia. War is deplorable and condemnable, but it sometimes becomes necessary to fight and kill for the sake of real peace and happiness.

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In support of the foregoing it may be added that the Roman Catholic Church (Japanese branch) published pamphlets in five languages and distributed them throughout the world confirming the above information.

How the War Started

The Sino-Japanese war started because the Japanese missed one soldier and would not wait until morning to search for him. They thereupon served notice upon the Chinese government not to take any measures to protect itself. Since then, by bombs and by narcotics, the destruction of the Chinese has been under way.

In the first year of the war the Japanese lost 100,000 soldiers and the Chinese 450,000 soldiers. Hundreds of Chinese cities have been bombed, wiping out thousands or possibly millions of men, women and children. In one case a beggars' camp was bombed, killing 50 lame, blind and helpless creatures.

The atrocities practiced at the overthrow of Nanking, as published in the *Manchester Guardian*, and republished in *Consolation*, July 13, 1938, page 21, are without parallel in warfare. On twelve successive nights Japanese soldiers raped the women of the city, one of whom was only 7 years old, and it was three weeks before order was restored. It could hardly be wished that these soldiers needed more religion, more Shintoism. What Nanking needed then it needs now, namely, Christianity, The Theocracy.

The Religious Nation of Italy

On account of the fact that it is the home of the Vatican Italy is in some respects the banner religious country of the world. Its ruler, Mussolini, converses for hours at a time with demons similar to those that Christ permitted to enter the swine. His brags of what he will do when his fleets of airplanes take to the skies causes the blood of his listeners to run cold. His course in the training of children begins at the age of 6 years. The Wolf Cubs are taught to wear gas masks, handle diminutive rifles, march and sleep in tents, and their training continues until they are 55, growing ever more strenuous.

Mussolini is a hit-and-run driver with an automobile, and proud of it. He sanctions beating a prisoner on the feet with an iron bar, and crushing his testicles with wooden clamps. He has said of democracy that it is worse than a failure and that Fascism—

has always passed, and if necessary will again pass, without the slightest hesitation over the more or less decomposed body of the Goddess of Liberty.

To make peace with the Vatican and re-establish himself in the good graces of Religion he turned over \$80,000,000 to it; defends the Inquisition as it is defended in the Catholic school history, *Modern World*, section 325, pages 345-346; agrees that it is right to murder "heretics", as always taught by the Hierarchy; and would be compelled to endorse the excommunication of Victor Emmanuel II, reading in part as follows:

... may he be cursed inwardly and outwardly; may he be cursed in his hair; may he be cursed in his brain; may he be cursed in his crown of his head, and in his temples, in his forehead and his ears, in his eyebrows and his cheeks, in his jawbones and in his nostrils, in his foreteeth and in his grinders, in his lips and in his throat, in his shoulders and in his wrists, in his arms, his hands and in his fingers. May he be damned in his mouth, in his breast, in his heart and in all the viscera of his body; may he be damned in his veins, and in his groins, in his thighs, in his hips and in his knees, in his legs, feet and toenails. May he be cursed in all his joints and articulations of his body. From the top of his head to the soles of his feet, may there be no soundness in him.

Mussolini is now and henceforth an extremely religious man. He is back in the fold.

The Religious Government of Ethiopia

Ethiopia was one of the oldest religious governments in the world, and one of the worst. Its ruler, Haile Selassie, claimed to be the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah", a title belonging only to Christ Jesus, Jehovah God's appointment as Ruler of The Theocracy.

Selassie obtained his throne by a revolution, imprisoning the former emperor in the crater of an extinct volcano. He recalled his ambassador to France and had him chained naked in a hut, wallowing in his own excrement until he went insane. When the man's brother protested, he had him tied between two planks and sawn apart. He collected taxes by the machine-gun method. When the tax collectors called on a community they either got all the taxes assessed or they machine-gunned the entire community, men, women and children. Selassie had religion, but no Christianity.

In due time Mussolini decided to take over Ethiopia. On the day of mobilization every church bell in Italy pealed joyously. Not less than 103 of the highest dignitaries urged on the war, and invoked the blessing of God on

the Italian troops. Among the blessers of troops, nurses, etc., were the then pope, Pius XI, the present pope, Pius XII, Cardinal Schuster of Milan and Bishop Margaria. The latter gave up his gold beads and gold cross to help the good work along. The queen of Italy gave up her gold ring and a military archbishop (whatever that is) blessed two iron rings given her in their place. The troops from Faenza carried along with them a miraculous image of the virgin, blessed by the archbishop, and Pius XI crowned it all by personally blessing Mussolini himself.

In the subjugation of Ethiopia neither man nor woman was spared. The tanks that were to crush their huts and destroy them and their families were "blessed" when they started out on their errand of devastation. Mussolini's son showed that he is a true child of his father. He wrote a book explaining the peculiar joy he got in bombing a group of horsemen. He said on this subject:

I remember that one group of horsemen gave me the impression of a budding rose as the bombs fell in their midst. It was exceptionally good fun, and they were easy to hit, as we were not too high up. They offered a perfect target.

The rudiments of a conscience were stirred in some of mankind by Italian atrocities in Ethiopia, and the archbishop of Westminster offered the defense that the pope had no moral stamina: he was just a defenseless old man, entirely at the mercy of his neighbors. He could not do anything and, of course, could not say anything. This did not go over very well, for the reason that everybody knew that the pope was back of the war, had blessed it from the start and wanted Mussolini to win.

The Religious Country of Spain

Spain has always been, and still is very religious. Religion means compliance with traditions and commands of creatures regardless of the commands of the Creator, and the condition of the poor populace of Spain for centuries was lower than that of the lower animals. The Jesuits owned one-third of the land of the country and paid no taxes on it. The 4,000 convents and monasteries devoured the best of everything. The religious business sent \$20,000,000 out of the country every year and yet fifty percent of the children had no schooling.

The 4,000,000 farm workers were always on the edge of starvation. To share a rabbit or squirrel, or even a crow, was to be shot down

without mercy. The great estates were kept merely as hunting grounds. Ten pesetas (\$1.95) were necessary to live, but the peasant often received but 2 (39c). Some families were never able to buy meat. Some men never had a new suit of clothes after their wedding suit.

The salary of the bishop of Toledo was and is \$600,000 a year, or eight times that of the president of the United States. In Caceres in 1931 there were 38 monasteries in a row and when there was a religious procession the statue of the virgin was literally buried under jewels, diamonds, rubies, smaragds and other precious stones, with other evidences of vast wealth too lengthy to list. John McGovern, Glasgow Catholic, said:

The Church owned more than transport and land. It controlled the greatest amount of stock in telephones, banks, lumber, contracting, engineering, film production, cinemas, theaters, cafes, hotels, sports grounds, and even dog racing and the bull ring. Every time the dog chased the hare it made a profit for the Church. Every time the bull was stabbed to death or a toreador shed his blood, the Jesuits drew a profit.

The Spanish Republic

In an open and honest vote the Spanish people decided to establish a republic, and its constitution, patterned after that of the United States Government, was a document of which the people might justly feel proud. It gave equal rights to all religions and ordered the priests to confine their activities to teaching religion. This did not suit those who had been running the country, and a revolt was carefully planned.

Major Pollard, British Catholic, illegally flew a plane to General Franco, then in exile in the Canary islands. Franco flew to Morocco, there to get in touch with 6 Italian planes dispatched from Italy three days previously, every one of them with 10 machine guns aboard. When the revolt was only three days old German planes were transporting heathen Moors to Spain to overthrow the Republic.

The Moors were nominally financed by Juan March. On a single occasion an expenditure of \$1,500,000,000 was authorized. Immediately after he made this promise Juan March went to Italy. What for? Where did he get the money? There is only one place in Italy where it could be obtained. Mussolini is poor as a church mouse.

The Moors were equipped with guns to which were affixed the badge of the Sacred Heart, and the Moors wore bags on which were

inscribed pictures of the same. Girl militiamen of the Spanish Republic were turned over to the Moors, one to 20 Moors. At Toledo, where 600 Government wounded were in a hospital, Moors came in with hand grenades and killed them in their beds.

At Badajoz a large crowd of laborers and poor folks took refuge in the cathedral, thinking that, because they were Catholics, they would be granted right of asylum. They were taken from the cathedral square to the bull ring and there these 1,500 defenseless men and women were machine-gunned until all that was left was a bloody heap of rags.

At Teruel there was a similar scene, and concerning this Lawrence A. Fernsworth, newspaper correspondent, himself a Catholic, said:

The plaza was decorated, crowds applauded each execution, and afterwards the band played and there was dancing.

Speaking further of Teruel, Mr. Fernsworth said:

When the Loyalists captured Teruel, population 12,000, they not only learned of the murder of a fourth of its inhabitants but released from a single prison cell thirty-seven women and eight babies who had been kept in that cell for an entire year. [Condensed from New York Times]

Guernica, Malaga and Majorca

In what was merely the re-establishment in power of the old gang that had previously ruined Spain, but which was played up as an attack on Bolshevism, the work of bombing Guernica was turned over to Hitler, the present partner of Stalin. The job was expertly done. To get the people into the streets heavy bombs and grenades were dropped all over town; when they filled the streets in terror they were machine-gunned; when they rushed back into the cellars, heavy bombs, capable of making holes 25 feet deep, were rained upon the buildings, which collapsed upon the victims. By these means 800 unarmed men, women and children were slain. Incendiary bombs finished the job of destroying the city.

Guernica is in the Basque country, which is solidly Catholic. When a committee of 19 clergymen wrote a personal letter to the pope, and delivered it personally, narrating the above incidents, and the shooting of 13 priests, imprisoning of 117 and exiling of 135, the then pope Pius XI replied that protests emanating from the Spanish Republic would not receive a warm reception in Vatican quarters.

Probably one of the worst outrages in Cath-

olic Basqueland was at the hospital at San Sebastian, where hand grenades were thrown into the maternity ward, mixing in one bloody mass mothers, infants, and nursing sisters.

The bombing of Malaga was turned over to Hitler's brother Catholic, Mussolini. The people that were bombed were Catholics. The children streamed out of the city on the flint road to Almeria, 100 miles away. Many of them were barefooted and had on but a single garment. Their feet were swollen to twice their natural size. Once a day, on the five-day journey, they lined up for a cup of preserved milk and a handful of dry bread. The Italian planes followed these little marchers, killing hundreds of them, and the Italian cruisers bombarded them from the sea.

No war was ever declared against the Spanish Republic by either Germany or Italy. When Malaga was captured 5,000 people were put on trial for their lives. The average length of each trial was two minutes: one in ten was shot; one in ten was imprisoned for life. Mussolini's aim was to prevent the spreading in Spain of the ideas of Hitler's friend Stalin; so he said. Those sentenced to death at Malaga were shot in the back. Italian planes bombed Barcelona 2,000 times.

The Italians were also entrusted with suppression of "Bolshevism" in the agricultural island of Majorca. Here 3,000 suspects were dragged out of their houses at night and massacred; not a sick or wounded person was spared; sometimes these massacres were in the presence of a priest; appearances were carefully preserved; no one was allowed to wear mourning; no shops were closed. One lad of 12 was killed for his Republican opinions. The bishop of Palma, Majorca, declared one day, in giving his "blessing" on the work in hand, that it was not sufficient to exterminate the Republicans, but that their offspring also should be annihilated.

Franco as Bad as Mussolini or Hitler

Franco is even more religious than either Mussolini or Hitler, if that could be possible. At any rate, he is of the same faith. The Madrid College of Lawyers issued a statement regarding the conduct of his troops from which is taken the following item:

Many pregnant women were forced to drink a mixture of castor oil and petrol. One of these in Algeiras, whose husband they discovered had fled to Gibraltar, was made to drink a large quantity of the stuff and then allowed to join her husband. She died the next day.

After the war was over, or should have been over, the Spanish Inquisition was re-established, with all modern improvements. A card index of 2,000,000 persons suspected of sympathy with the Spanish Republic was formed and the elimination of all liberty-lovers was undertaken and is still in process. Nothing was or is forgiven. Meantime, 1,000,000 children starve for want of their natural caretakers. Of this feature, of the elimination of the Republicans, the Paris correspondent of the New York *World-Telegram* said:

Even the French friends of Generalissimo Franco of Spain swallowed hard when they read today of His Holiness blessing several hundred Spanish Fascists, members of troop units who were known among international newspapermen in Spain as "murder brigades", and his telling them that they had done "the Lord's work".

For newspaper purposes Franco had also the alibi that he was fighting against the cause of Hitler's friend Stalin, i.e., "Bolshevism." A newspaperman asked him what he meant by that term; and the intelligence of the man may be measured by the reply that it meant "strikes, demands for higher wages and all that sort of thing". His "Minister of Education" closed fifty high schools, giving as a reason that—

The people are better off without education. It unfits them for their destiny as peasants and workers.

The late Cardinal Hayes, of New York city, stated that he was praying regularly for the success of General Franco, and both Pope Pius XI and Pius XII "blessed" him for his work in finishing off the Spanish Republic, in violation of his solemn oath of loyalty, and under the false banner of anti-Bolshevism. Mussolini, Hitler and Franco are three liars.

Mussolini, the sleeping-car hero of Fascism, has been gallant toward other governments than those of Ethiopia and Spain. For example, there is little Albania, just across the strait from the heel of Italy, in the Balkans. On March 23, 1939, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy declared that the relations of the Italian government with the kingdom of Albania were happily most cordial.

Sixteen days later the *Osservatore Romano*, official organ of the Vatican, stated that it was not the intention of the Italian government to make an attack on the independence and integrity of Albania. Before this paper could get its papers off the press 400 bombers and 100 warships overwhelmed little Albania's 2 planes

and 4 motorboats. A fleet of tanks sprayed the streets crowded with civilians with machine-gun fire.

The queen of Albania had become a mother only two days before this unprovoked and unannounced attack. She was compelled to flee to Greece in a condition that threatened to make her a helpless invalid for the rest of her life. Zog, the Mohammedan king of Albania, was supposed to be quite liberal for a Mohammedan.

Greece, to which the Zogs fled, is very religious. The prevailing religion is Greek Catholic. The Greek patriarch decides what may be taught along religious lines. When the Greek Republic was overthrown and the dictator Metaxas took control his first work was to throw 13,000 Greek democrats into concentration camps. Religion prospers and thrives naturally under a dictatorship, a condition where some religious person decides what the people may consider.

Prisoners of Metaxas on the Aegean islands of death must exist on 13c per day. Two dozen pool their resources, sleep in one room, sift their own wheat, bake their own bread and provide as best they can fuel, water, shelter and other necessities. There is a price of \$750 on the head of exiles who escaped from these islands and their children are held as hostages. Some of these prisoners were beaten with clubs on the soles of their feet until they could not even stand. Does Greece need more religion, or more Christianity, which?

The Religion of Russia

Up to the time of the World War Russia was the most religious country in the world. Ikons (idols), "blessed" by the Orthodox Greek priests, were carried into battle as a part of the equipment of every Russian regiment. The religionists overworked their racket. They exhibited cotton and plaster of Paris "saints" as "proof" that their holy men did not decay after they died. The news got out and the old religion went overboard.

In jig time the old religion was replaced by a new one. Instead of ikons to worship, the Russians soon had first Lenin and now Stalin, and stark terror reigns from the Baltic sea to Behring strait, and from the Black sea to Nova Zembla. By the Soviet system everybody is encouraged to spy on everybody else, including children on their parents and on one another.

(To be continued)

World's Largest Airport

◆ It comes as a surprise to learn that the world's largest airport is in the woods of Newfoundland. There are four paved runways, each nearly or quite 4,800 feet long, none of them less than 600 feet wide, and one of them twice that width. The approaches to the runways have been cleared of trees for about a mile. It is calculated that this airport will be one of earth's busiest places during the immediate future, and that great numbers of bombing planes will find their way to England by this route.

A Determined Woman

◆ A determined woman, who wanted to ride on the first regular passenger trip of a clipper across the Atlantic, booked her passage in 1931, and eight years later was landed safely in Europe within 22 hours from the time she left New York. The trip, which costs \$375, is made in the big 41½-ton flying-boats, without incident and without excitement; service each way once a week.

Photographed 200 Miles Away

◆ In an airplane over Washington, D.C., too high to see the ground, a National Broadcasting Company photographer obtained a good picture of David Sarnoff and W. A. Patterson seated at their studio table in New York city, 200 miles away. The photograph was sent by television. Subsequently, by the same apparatus, the voyagers in the plane saw their plane land at the North Beach airport, New York.

New York's New Airport

◆ New York boasts of a new airport claimed to be the largest and best, even larger and better than Newark's. It occupies not quite a square mile. Its hangars for land planes are each as large as Madison Square Garden. Its cost is over \$50,000,000. Like the Newark airport, it can be reached by automobile from the center of the city in twenty minutes.

Communication with Planes

◆ Every plane of the American Air Lines, no matter in what part of the sky between Boston and Los Angeles it may be flying, is in constant touch with some one or more of the thirty stations of the company along the line.

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The Human Heart

◆ Experiments with the oxygen-gas mask show that at 20,000 feet the use of the oxygen and helium mixture ends dizziness. When masks are removed at 19,000 feet elevation the human heart beats go up to 120 in 45 seconds, as compared with a normal of 80 beats. When the mask is replaced the heart drops back to 102 beats within 30 seconds, and then slowly settles back to normal. The new gas mixtures will be available in planes flying at the higher elevations, and passengers can make use of them or not, as they desire. The passenger has only to plug in to get his share of the gas.

Autogiro a Complete Success

◆ The autogiro service between Philadelphia and Camden post offices is a complete success. Trips are made in 6 minutes, to compare with 40 minutes for mail trucks. The roof of the Philadelphia post office, 365 by 278 feet, was specially designed for the service, which, it is predicted, will come into wide and immediate use for transport of mail, express and passengers from large civic centers to the airports in their suburbs.

Shortage of Planes and Men

◆ On account of shortage of planes and trained pilots the Imperial Airways was obliged to refuse passenger bookings on its 22,000 miles of lines from England to South Africa, Egypt, India, Greece, and the Far East. Several planes were lost recently, and both planes and pilots are needed for the government rearmament program.

Across Canada by Air

◆ April 1, 1939, the first passengers were carried on the trans-Canadian air line, which makes the journey between Montreal and Vancouver in 17½ hours. The rates for passengers are the same as in the United States, 6 cents per mile. Meals are served free.

Around the World in Sixteen Days

◆ Traveling solely by commercial planes Mrs. Clara Adams, of Cincinnati, went around the world in sixteen days, via London, Karachi, Hong Kong, Manila and San Francisco. She left New York June 28, and was back again on July 14.

Balkan States

Fire-Dancing in Bulgaria

◆ Fire-dancing, under the supervision of demons, is practiced in the Greek Catholic community of Baurgas, Bulgaria. The account, given publicly by a Reynolds News Agency correspondent, and published in *Australian Consolation*, follows:

At a given signal from the head of the fire-dancers, who by this time all appeared to have fallen in a trance, the music stopped playing and the dancers leaped with bare feet onto the burning cinders. They danced for several minutes. Although their faces became pale they showed no signs of pain and their feet were neither scorched nor burned. After emerging from the red-hot embers and regaining consciousness, one declared before the surprised audience, "Only those who have strong faith in God [the god of this world—the Devil—*Ed.*] can dance on the fire without receiving injuries."

His Lie Lasted Ten Days

◆ Shepherd Lupu, of Rumania, who claims he saw God three times in 1935, and who is therefore demonized (for, "No man hath seen God at any time," and, "No man can see me, and live"), prophesied on August 21 that there would be no European war. His prophecy was widely published, and in ten days thereafter Europe was at war. That is once when the demons got caught at it.

All Fortune Tellers Are Crooks

◆ The police of Budapest, Hungary, came to the accurate conclusion that all fortune tellers are crooks and arrested the whole lot, some 3,000 of them, confining them in concentration camps. The entire business is founded on demonism, called in the Scriptures "lying spirits", and well named.

Getting Along Fine with Hitler

◆ The "Reverend Father" Tiso, president of the rump state of Slovakia, is getting along fine with Hitler and his friends, and reports that all is well with his country since Czechoslovakia was betrayed into Hitler's hands. Inasmuch as he betrayed it, he ought to know.

Oppression of Jews in Hungary

◆ The city of Budapest, Hungary, ordered all Jewish peddlers and junk dealers operating in the market for secondhand goods to go out of business.

Czech Jews Lose All Property

◆ Nazi laws put into effect in Bohemia and Moravia doom the Jews of that country to the loss of all property. A Jew is defined as anybody with three Jewish grandparents or with two Jewish grandparents and having the Jewish faith. They were required to list all the property which is to be stolen by the state, are forbidden to acquire or lease real estate, to acquire an interest in business undertakings, or to purchase stocks and bonds.

An Excuse for Theft

◆ In the year 1920 one of the largest metallurgical establishments in Czechoslovakia had a Jewish director for fifteen days. On this evidence the factory was seized by the Germans twenty years later on the ground that it is a Jewish concern. Even supposing that it is Jewish, which it is not, what right would anybody have to take it? The Jews have a right to work, have they not?

Tiso's "Good Friend"

◆ The person who betrayed Slovakia into the hands of Hitler is a Catholic priest named Tiso, who is now the president of his country. At a recent reception of diplomats in his capital Monsignor Tiso referred to the Soviet as "our good friend the Soviet Union" and referred to the "affinity of our two nations" as making "co-operation in all spheres" desirable. This lets another cat out of the bag.

Yugoslavia Nervous

◆ In Yugoslavia the authorities wished to re-examine the papers of a German resident, and called at his home for the purpose, but found him absent. In his absence they searched the premises and found 30 machine guns and an equal number of German uniforms. They could hardly be blamed for being nervous with such guests; now, could they?

Mass Suicide of Jews

◆ Some idea of the horrible conditions prevailing in Central Europe may be drawn from the fact that 150 Jews at Constanza tried to commit mass suicide by jumping into the sea when they were denied permission to board a vessel for an unknown destination. Twenty-six got past the police and did jump, but were rescued.

A Pre-War Note from the Netherlands

◆ A pre-war note from the Netherlands explains that in the spring the farmers sell their potatoes at auction. If there is no market they hold them until the government can find a market in South America or elsewhere. If unsold they are sprayed with kerosene, but the farmers receive a bonus. Tulip bulbs often go to the government to be ground into cattle feed. Cabbage goes the same way. When the price for cabbage has descended to one guilder (42c) for 200 pounds the government purchases the remaining offerings for cow feed, giving each cabbage a deep cut over the head so that it may no longer be used for human food.

The unemployed flock into the army, though many of them go to Germany to work. German automobiles run more than 60 miles per hour and do it on 40 miles to a gallon of gasoline. In races in the Netherlands German automobiles, motorcycles and airplanes win every race; so says the informant.

Land Belongs to State

◆ In Denmark the land belongs to the state (at least much of it does) and remains with the state, but a man who has had agricultural training and has a little money (ten percent of his requirements) to invest in the farming business will be given cattle, pigs, poultry, modern implements, telephones and electric lights and all necessary buildings, and the state will let him pay for it over three generations. And he may pay a variable rate of interest, depending upon whether prices go up or down. And he may sell to another man everything except the land. It seems like a sensible arrangement that the less civilized lands, such as Britain and America, might well consider. Four-fifths of the 16,575 square miles (twice the size of Massachusetts) is closely cultivated.

Board of Public Opinion

◆ Sweden has an institution every country should have. It has a board of public opinion to which any person may appeal who feels that he has not been fairly treated in any part of the public press. His claims are investigated by the board, which consists of publishers and writers, and their findings are widely published. It tends to a fair deal all round.

Pipe-Smoker Blows Up

◆ To an inveterate tobacco-user, his own desire to gratify his tobacco appetite is the most important thing in the whole world: it is certainly more important than the desires or interests of his fellow men, for these are never consulted any more. Even the women smokers disdain asking to be excused for their tobacco stink, when they "light up". In southern Norway a British anti-aircraft barrage balloon came down, having been torn loose from its moorings by a storm. As soon as it landed, several Norse citizens went to see it. One of them, of course, had to pull out his pipe and light it as soon as he got near enough to see what it was all about. The balloon was inflated with hydrogen gas. When it struck the earth it sprang a small leak. When the man lit his pipe the balloon exploded, killing him and injuring three other persons.

Lithuania's Nice Neighbors

◆ Lithuania seems to have nice neighbors. Russia agreed to let Lithuania keep her "liberties" provided she would hereafter let Russian troops "protect" the country; and, as Lithuania could not help herself, she agreed, and, according to Russian propaganda, hailed her deliverers. But one may guess the nature of the "deliverance" when told that as the Russian troops moved in the Lithuanians were forced to clear the streets of all activity and the houses and stores along the route had to be boarded up. The "liberty" is the same as that of the Japanese common people who are not even permitted to look at their soldiers when marching away to murder the Chinese. More and more it becomes obvious that only the Theocratic government of righteousness can insure peace to the nations, or what is left of them after Armageddon.

Dairy Farms in Finland

◆ Dairy farmers in Finland receive 76.3 percent of every dollar spent by consumers for milk. The co-operative dairies in Finland are really co-operative, instead of being, as in the United States, mere departments of the Milk Trust. In America the farmers in many cases receive only about 25 percent of the consumers' dollar, and the average for the entire country is only 38 percent.



Kingdom Privileges in Syria

◆ On March 10, 1940, eight of the publishers at Tripoli, Syria, went to a Catholic town named Gebal, where they scattered two by two going from house to house, leaving the Kingdom message which gave the meek ones of the "other sheep" hope and gladness that was manifested on their very faces.

Finally, at the end of the day, two of the publishers entered the home of the priest and gave him and those with him the witness and spent much time explaining the message from the Bible. He gave them arrogant attention. Finally he said, "If I believed everything you have said as being the truth and still remained a priest, would it be wrong for me?" One of the witnesses put his hand on the priest's black robe and said, "Unless you shed that black symbol of death, you will not receive life from Christ Jesus." After explaining to him what the priestly robe stood for and the false Satanic teachings he was giving the people, he took the booklet *Uncovered* and promised to read it carefully and urged upon us to call on him again. We finished that town, placing about 24 books and booklets, and went on our way rejoicing.

The following Sunday, March 17, which was "Palm" Sunday for the Catholics, we went to another town near Gebal, named Fadouss. The eight of us scattered all over the place, going from house to house, where we found only the children. Upon inquiring for their parents, they told us their parents were at the church of St. Sasseen. We were disappointed and wished we had not come to this desolated town. But upon second thought we decided to stay and wait for the Baal-worshippers to come home, which we did. About 1 p.m. we went back-calling on them from house to house. At some of the homes we were met by some who said, "It is peculiar how such nice, clean and orderly young men like you are chosen to go out and do this kind of work." We placed 43 books and booklets and went back to our sound machine rejoicing and grateful to Jehovah for such unexpected results.

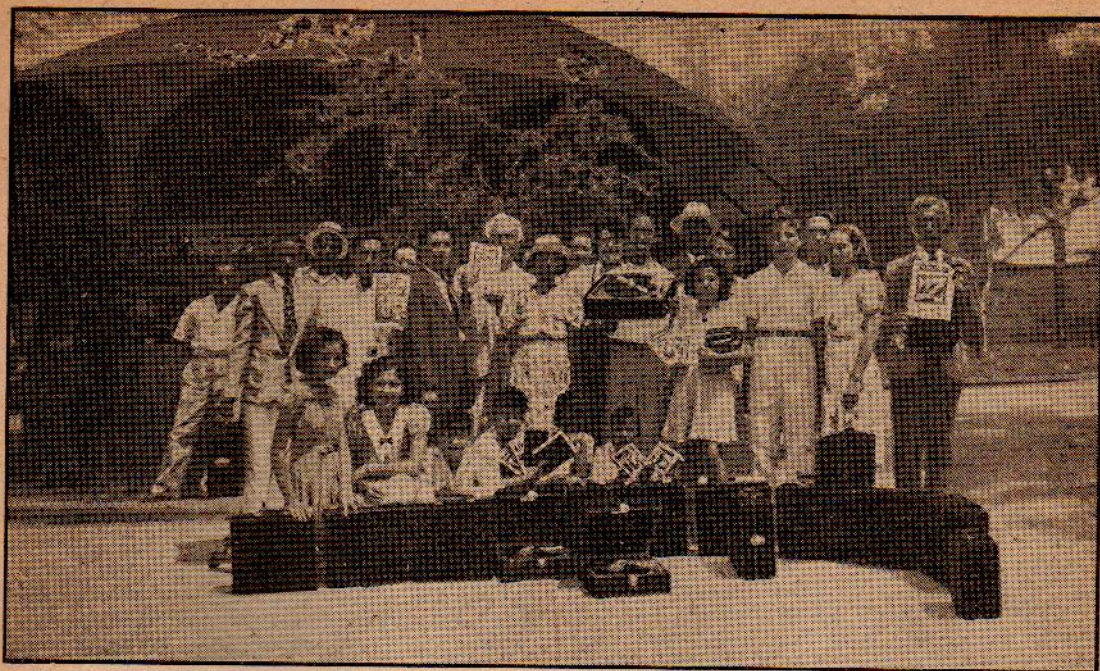
The Old Hierarchy Was Working

While we were waiting for two of our companions to come to the sound-car so we could leave, two mounted police approached us saying, "Hey, young men, wait; what kind of books have you got there? What are you doing with those books?" By this time there was a large crowd gathered around us. One of the witnesses boldly answered: "Our purpose is preaching the gospel of God's Kingdom, which is clearly set forth in these books." The police took out their handcuffs, and said they were going to take us to the barracks. We told them we are eight, and said, "We are ready to go with you anywhere you want, because we are not ashamed of this message and we do not fear to tell it to anyone or proclaim it from the housetops by word of mouth and sound equipment. We deem it a great honor to have the privilege of witnessing the Truth concerning the King and the Kingdom before judges and rulers of this world, in complete obedience to our great Master's command and which He foretold long ago." After we gave a witness to the police and the crowd gathered around us, the other two witnesses finished all the scattered houses on the outskirts of the town of Fadouss and came back to find us surrounded by the police and the crowd. They joined us.

Before putting us in the sound-car to take us to the barracks the police lined us up to search us for weapons, but they found nothing except the two-edged sword of Jehovah. One of the policemen came to search the witness who was speaking to them. The policemen and the crowd were astonished at the manifestation of such strange faith and boldness from these young men. Again one of the policemen said, "I have no doubt in my mind that such nice young men as you who show all the characteristics of gentleness and kindness would not do anything to harm the general welfare of the community. But it is our duty to make sure the movements of everyone because we are in a time of war." The witness answered, "We gladly accept this searching because we are looking for the people of good will in this community, to convey to them this gospel of the Kingdom. By doing this you have made it easier for us and saved us the time of going to your homes."

Finally they put us in the truck and took us to the police barracks at another town, named El-Betrour. There they set the eight of us on the bench before the assistant of the mayor, who is a strict Moronite Catholic. He started

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to ask us questions. After he found out about our mission he called the mayor at his home where he was celebrating Palm Sunday. The assistant told the mayor over the telephone: "This is a very simple case, because these books and booklets tell about the gospel and there is no objection against them." When we heard and saw this man to be of good will and very favorable, we started to explain to him further the difference between religion and Christianity. Also we showed him the grave responsibility upon those who hear the Truth and oppose it, and that those who hear the Truth and uphold it and proclaim it to others will receive the blessings of life. He gladly accepted a book *Reconciliation* and a booklet *Armageddon*, and sent us home rejoicing.

After we left him we spoke together and reminded ourselves how the day began in Fadouss and ended at El-Betroun, victoriously for Jehovah and His truth. We know positively that all this trouble started from the wicked Hierarchy. Then we remembered the text at Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." —M. H. Aboud, Syria.

AUGUST 21, 1940

"Anunciando la Teocracia"

◆ It is with real joy that we write to tell you of the onward march of THE THEOCRACY in the land of Cuba. In times of past, when we would tell the people that we had a message of 'God's Kingdom', they would confuse us with the religionists, who often use these words, in hypocrisy, to be sure. Since Jehovah's organization began to function as a Theocracy the people here have been advised of this, and the result is that the word "TEOCRACIA" is becoming a household word. The publishers make an effort to mention the words "TEOCRACIA" (Theocracy), "*Atalaya*" (*Watchtower*) and *Consolación* (*Consolation*) in every witness; then, when these same people hear the street-corner publishers on a later date, they are able to make the connection.

To give you an idea of the progress, we cite the Havana company: In January, 1940, there were 19 publishers, 3 phonographs, 321 attendance. Four months later, in May, this same company reported: 33 publishers, 13 phonographs (also 7 more on order), 2,884 attendance. Contact points for service are held every Sunday to which the newly interested are invited and instructed in how to serve the Lord "in spirit and in truth". When the in-



Iceland's only pioneer, G. F. Lindal, visits the 118,000 population every year. One pony carries his books; the other, him. 65,000 acres are cultivated; the land is treeless.

structions first came telling the publishers to employ the doorstep method of presenting the Kingdom message, the idea was general that 'it might work in U. S., but it's different here'. . . . However, after trying this method the publishers became more convinced than ever that JEHOVAH is running His organization, and that to receive the joys promised, we MUST OBEY INSTRUCTIONS.

In regard to the street-corner witnessing: The magazine bags provided by the Society were of no use here, due to the fact that the lettering is in English, whereas everyone here reads and speaks Spanish. To offset this we had some bags made with the lettering in Spanish. On one side we have, "THE WATCH-TOWER"—announcing THE THEOCRACY; on the other side, "CONSOLATION"—religion is a racket, the Bible answers why . . . Needless to say, these bags call forth comments both favorable and unfavorable, the majority favorable. Some of the publishers are assigned the cafés, restaurants, hotel lobbies, etc. One of these café publishers does his work thus: He enters and calls out, "Gentlemen, please read." Then he turns slowly so that all may read the bag; then he goes from one to the other offering the magazines. He places in almost every place. Almost all the transportation in Havana is by bus. Consequently these are always crowded. As these buses stop at the busy corners to take, on passengers, the magazine publisher waves the magazine and yells, "Religion is a racket," then when all the heads turn toward him, he finishes, "The Bible answers why. Read *Consolation*." . . . All in all, we are rejoicing in the privilege of serving

THE THEOCRACY and are looking forward to that grand convention in July.—La Torre del Vigia, Havana, Cuba.

Britain's C-O Tribunals

◆ On February 22, 1940, the working of the Conscientious Objectors Tribunals, set up under the Military Training Act and the National Service (Armed Forces) Act was criticized in the House of Commons by certain members. One member, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, who was financial secretary to the treasury in the Labor government, referred specifically to a case in which one of Jehovah's witnesses was concerned as follows:

This House decided that to be a conscientious objector is not to commit a crime; it decided that to be a conscientious objector is not to be contemptible. These individuals who come before these courts are young men who in the vast majority of cases are sincere, at any rate to the extent that they believe they hold these views very firmly and tenaciously. I do not think you are going to arrive at the truth as to their real moral and mental condition by shouting at them, by rushing a number of questions at them in a hurry, and by driving them into making fooling remarks which may or may not be their considered opinions.

I do not mind saying that, although I first came into this House in the year 1923—and I have been here nearly ever since—it is only in the last year or two that I have risen to my feet without having a certain sense of nervousness in addressing this Assembly. Here you have young men who have this sort of secret in their hearts. They think in some way that they have got something a little different from other people. They have never really been brought face to face with hard-headed men who are to cross-question them, and instead of their questioners trying to arrive at what is really in their minds by a little quiet talk, they are rushed at, and, in many cases, deliberately confused. That is not the way to arrive at the truth, and that is the



Making good use of a semi-trailer at Honolulu

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main point of what I am going to try to say this afternoon.

I have brought down with me several cases where people have been refused when apparently their case was made out, but, of course, it is not very easy for us merely to judge, even if we have a complete verbatim report. It is for those who are actually there and hear the words being spoken to judge whether a man is sincere, or whether it is a put-up job. There is a case, for instance, which took place in the Newcastle Court, to which I have already referred. I do not know, but possibly the Committee may be tempted to smile at the name of the society which the applicant claimed to represent. He said that he belonged to "Jehovah's witnesses", and apparently he had given up his work and had spent a month going round delivering tracts. The whole attitude of the tribunal was to try and deride what he was doing and to hold him up to ridicule.

Viscountess Astor: How long had he been a member? Can the right honorable gentleman tell us?

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence: He had been a member for years, but he had been doing this work, I understand, for the last few months. I am not stressing that fact unnecessarily, but my point is that this man was, rightly or wrongly, quite clearly from the evidence, sincere. I do not put it higher than that, and the tribunal devoted itself to ridicule what this man believed to be his definite lot, and, not only that, they refused him exemption. The man who writes to me on behalf of this organization says that in the other courts of the country the views of those who are definite members of the organization have been accepted and their objection upheld, but in this particular court all the cases that have been brought forward have been turned down. I do not want to labor the matter, but I should like a reply on the point.

The remarks of another member of Parliament, McGovern of Glasgow, a Roman Catholic statesman, and well and favorably known to the readers of *Consolation*, because of his courageous and honest stand against the treachery, hypocrisy and brutality of the Ro-



Theocracy publishers, Cordoba, Argentina, use this bus to take the message to remote points. At night the women sleep inside and the men on the roof.

man Catholic Hierarchy in Spain, are also of interest, and here they are:

There was a case which I brought up and which the Minister defended vigorously. I am not complaining of him defending these chairmen vigorously even when they are doing wrong, because it is done by nearly all Ministers. A Roman Catholic claimed exemption and the chairman said, "Have you consulted your local priest as to whether you should object to military service or not?" The man said: "No, I am appealing here on my belief and interpretation of my religious views. It is not the priest's conscience, but mine, that is being considered." He was turned down because he did not bring the priest to the tribunal. I was born and brought up and am a Roman Catholic, but I would no more accept the interpretation of an individual clergyman, or even of the head of the Church, than I would accept the definition of the Prime Minister. This idea of bringing clergymen to the tribunals in order to destroy the claim of the individual is wrong and ought not to be allowed.

Devil In for a Hot Time

◆ Are the Theocracy publishers busy in London? They have Kingdom halls, one each, in Central London, North London, North East London, North West London, East London, South London, South West London, South East London, West London [not sure if that is the right way to box the compass], Croydon, Dartford, Enfield, Epsom, Uxbridge, Watford, and Weybridge. They sent an invitation to their "Battle Siege" campaign rally at King's Theatre, Hammersmith (admission by ticket), but urged to be on time for a free seat, and to leave money at home, as no collection would be taken.

(To be continued)



Theocracy publishers, Cyprus

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Who and What They Are



Herbert Lundgren, Dorcas Servais in St. Louis, with some of the publications of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society which are sent here from Brooklyn and then shipped through the Middle West for distribution by Witnesses.



Ernest Endel of Kirkwood, head of the St. Louis company of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1211 1/2 E. Company Street. He transmits communications from headquarters to members.

In the foreign language section of the depot, where literature of the society is in 20 different languages is located.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Adair, owners — full-time caregivers for Jehovah's Witnesses.



The Adairs making a call on a St. Louis householder. Last year they canvassed New Madrid and Scott counties as vigorously as a central office.

(Photos by Arthur Wilson, a PICTURED Staff Photographer)

Mrs. Adair shows a card of identification. The Witnesses say they are ordered by God to carry on this ministry. They are a Christian, but opposed to churches.



Adair has put played on the phonograph a speech expounding the belief held by Jehovah's Witnesses concerning some passages in the Bible. Mrs. Adair points out a doctrinal passage and its interpretation in one of the society's publications.

Picture—St. Louis Post-Dispatch—Sunday, June 30, 1940

A DECISION at law and an outbreak of lawlessness have drawn unaccustomed attention locally to the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses. On June 3 the United States Supreme Court upheld a Pennsylvania school board regulation requiring school children to salute the American flag as a condition of attending school. On June 16, 65 of the Witnesses from St. Louis were released in Lincoln, Illinois, where they had gone to spend information concerning their religious beliefs.

The Witnesses say they are simply Christians and believers in the Bible. Their interpretation of the Scriptures, however, clash with majority opinion in some particular which seem especially important when a nation is at war or preparing its defenses in the face of war. They hold that saluting the flag—any nation's flag—and participating in war are in violation of God's law and that God's law is superior to any made by man. During the last World War many of them ran afoul of the draft law. They say that in Hitler's Germany Jehovah's Witnesses have been headed into concentration camps and many of them killed. Even in peacetime the Witnesses sometimes have trouble with local laws and with persons who object to their practices and beliefs. Part of their worship consists of witnessing—that is, carrying their interpretation of the Bible to people by means of house-to-house canvases in which they distribute books, pamphlets and periodicals and play phonograph recordings of speeches. They have also broadcast their ideas by word truck and the radio. Critics of organized religion is prominent in their literature, and it is often resented by persons on whom they call.

Charles Tress Russell of Pittsburgh founded Jehovah's Witnesses in 1917, and in 1918 they organized a corporation, which later became the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. In 1918 Joseph F. Rutherford, who had been a judge at St. Louis, Missouri, became their leader. He is president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and the International Bible Students Association. Headquarters of the society are located in New York City and his name appears on much of its literature as author. At the headquarters in Brooklyn, Rutherford and about 100 secretarial workers direct the work of the organization, which includes operating a printing plant that turned out more than 5,000,000 books, booklets and magazines last year. The society's publications are printed in 68 languages. Before the present war, Jehovah's Witnesses were active in 27 countries. The headquarters workers receive local and foreign \$17 a month. Very St. Louis members. There are approximately 300 full-time field workers—called "Evangelists"—who are maintained on a similar basis by the society. Most of Jehovah's Witnesses support themselves in ordinary occupations and do their "witnessing" in spare time. It is estimated there are about 7,000 in the United States. Jehovah's Witnesses have no clergy in the ordinary sense; every Witness considers himself ordained by God to do ministerial work. Their teachings are not of the esoteric character that distinguishes the Bible sects but are based simply on reading and discussion of material in their publications, especially the magazine *Watchtower*.

There are three units of Jehovah's Witnesses in St. Louis. One meets at 1708A Tower Grove avenue, another at Grand and Herbert, and a Negro unit at 2515 Sheridan avenue. These units, with a total membership of more than 600, comprise a company. E. L. Kasst, a carpenter, living at 629 Cleveland avenue, Kirkwood, is company servant, the person through whom Brooklyn headquarters and the Zone Servant maintain contact with the Witnesses here. At 11 South Newstead avenue there is a depot, in charge of District Laurence, a full-time worker, from which the society's literature is distributed through the Middle West.

Jehovah's Witnesses refuse from voting, apparently on part of their policy of abstention from man-made power. According to their interpretation of Biblical passages, the Kingdom of God—the Theocracy—is to be established on earth, probably soon after most of the population has been destroyed, with Jehovah's Witnesses and other groups of good will surviving for evangelizing life.



Mrs. Dorcas Lundgren, wife of the Depot Servant, trying to interest a shopkeeper at Standard Market in the Watchtower, one of the principal magazines published in the interests of the Witnesses.



Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren in the St. Louis depot. As much as 70 tons of printed material for Jehovah's Witnesses pass through this building in a month.



The St. Louis depot, at 11 South Newstead avenue, where publications of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society are received from Brooklyn and distributed in the Middle West.



Second floor printing place, at 1708A Tower Grove avenue, of one of the three St. Louis units of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The St. Louis POST-DISPATCH is a newspaper always fighting for progress and reform always against injustice, corruption, demagogues and plunders, a real honor to America and to the newspaper profession.

Its editorial, June 5, "A Terrible Decision," concerning the U. S. Supreme Court's decision to stand on flag worship, should be read by all. (See P. 54.)

June 10, "When Hyacinths bloom," "Unholy violence in Maine and Arkansas and extolled Justice Starke dissenting opinion and his 'eternity' is in defense of the American right to worship God according to his conscience."

June 16, "Lithfield Diagrams," "Self of Jehovah's witnesses—these innocent people are with a in their rights." It said this fearlessly, and if it's not less than fifty miles away. Most newspapers appear to think that mob violence close to home is always justified; but not so the POST-DISPATCH.

June 16, "Reaction to the Flagship Decision," again rebuked groups as a selfish group of witnesses who, as a whole, have circulated literature which is violently anti-American. This able editorial quoted Leath from the SHARROCK TELER that Jehovah's witnesses are 100% for all the American flag stands for and believe the United States government is the best democracy imperfect men can build; and that they are heterogeneous, miles of religious, haitian and all other spheres to destroy this government, exceptly opposite to what the public, in large part, has come to think.

June 30 the POST-DISPATCH had this excellent page in a Sunday edition, and on the reverse side, in full color, a beautiful reproduction of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States, an encouragement to every honest loyal citizen of America.



Religionist Intolerance

IN TOLERANCE and persecution maliciously practiced in Europe drove brave men and women to the bleak shores of America, that there they might find a refuge where they could worship God in peace and without interference. It was those brave souls who laid the foundation of the American republic. So completely had religious intolerance been burned into the minds of these early immigrants to America that the framers of the United States Constitution and the constitutions of the various states expressly prohibited by such fundamental law interference with any person in preaching the gospel, and provided that men should be privileged to serve God and preach the gospel according to their own conscience.

Selfish and cruel organizations, parading under the name of "Christian", have steadily and constantly increased in America. They have grown in numbers and grown in power. One such organization, the Papal system, has made every possible attempt to control the United States Government, but up to this hour, thank God, it has never been able to put one of its crowd in the office of president of the United States. The people of America, knowing the history of this system, have resisted every encroachment upon the political affairs, and for this reason the Papal representatives have been the ones who have howled the loudest about bigotry and intolerance.

In these "last days", when the faithful followers of Christ Jesus under the clear command of the Almighty God Jehovah go about as His witnesses to tell the truth to the people that the people may be aided and receive comfort, these witnesses are subjected to the most vicious persecution, and this is done in the name of religion and patriotism. It is apparent to all true Americans of good will that such pretexts or claims are hypocritical and false in the extreme. The fact that men claim to represent and serve God is no evidence that their claim is true. Known facts abundantly show that wicked men and wicked systems parade

under the name of God and His Christ but do not have the spirit of Christ; rather they are cruel in the extreme and manifest the spirit of Satan the Devil. Those who caused the persecution of Jehovah's prophets were all religionists. The men who persistently persecuted Jesus and caused His death were the clergymen of that day, who posed before the people as teachers of God's Word. The great inquisition practiced for years in Spain and other countries was carried forward by clergymen of the Papal system. The intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses today in New Jersey, Texas, California, Kentucky, Illinois, Maine, and other places is instigated and pushed forward by the clergymen who pose before the people as preachers and servants of God. Jehovah is the God of justice and love, and He never persecutes any creature; and no one who is the servant of God could or would persecute any man. Whom, then, do these instigators of religious persecution in our day represent? Jesus answered that question when He said to the clergy of His day:

"Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:40, 43, 44) Jesus authoritatively shows that those men who fraudulently claimed to represent God were in fact the active agents of Satan the Devil. That rule applies at all times.

Later to His true followers Christ Jesus said: "If they [the clergy] have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." (John 15:20) And thus He fixes the responsibility for such persecutions as resting upon the clergy. It was the clergy class that persecuted the apostles of Jesus to death. It is the clergy who have instigated and are now pushing forward the intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses throughout America; and, upon the authority of the statement made by Jesus, these persecutors fraudulently claim to be Christians and to represent God but in fact are the agents and representatives of the Devil and his bidding they will do. Let the people of America wake up to this fact and abandon religionists, or else they will go down into destruction with them.

In His great prophecy on the end of Satan's world, including religion, Jesus stated that that time would be marked by a World War, followed quickly by famine, pestilence, earthquakes, distress of nations, and persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. All these things began to have fulfillment in A.D. 1914. At the same time the Scriptures show that a war was fought in heaven by the new King Christ Jesus and His angels against Satan and his demon forces and that Satan was ousted from heaven and cast down to the earth. Record of all this is found in Matthew, chapter 24, and Revelation, chapter 12. Particularly since A.D. 1918 the peoples of earth have been in great distress and perplexity. The reason for such suffering and perplexity is made clear by Jesus' words recorded at Revelation 12: 12, which read: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan, the author of intolerance, knows that his time is short until the great battle of Armageddon, which will be decisive as to who is supreme in the universe, and at which battle Satan's organization will be destroyed. Before that battle takes place, however, God commands that His witnesses must go through the land and bear testimony before rulers and people concerning Jehovah and His Theocratic Government by Christ Jesus. (See Isaiah 43: 10-12; Matthew 24: 14.) This is done in order that the people may be informed of God's purpose to destroy the wicked one and to establish a righteous government over earth which will be the means of the complete uplift and blessing of obedient and faithful men and women. In obedience to Jehovah's commandment men and women devoted to Him and His Theocracy now go from house to house preaching the good news or "gospel" of the Kingdom. In doing this they are but pursuing their divinely given rights of worshiping God according to His righteous Word and the dictates of their conscience, and with which rights no municipality, state or other government can properly and rightfully interfere.

Since the Constitution forbids the enactment of any law or laws interfering with the preaching of the gospel, then why are these faithful witnesses of Jehovah arrested, jailed, mobbed, viciously assaulted and run out of town and otherwise disgracefully treated? Revelation 12: 17 answers that Jehovah's testimony concerning The Theocracy is committed

primarily to Christ Jesus, and He, in turn, commits to His faithful followers, who are also Jehovah's witnesses, the obligation of delivering such testimony to all nations. For this reason Satan, the greedy Dragon, seeks to devour or destroy every one who is telling God's truth. Jehovah's anointed witnesses now on earth are few, and constitute the "remnant" of God's capital organization, Scripturally symbolized as a clean "woman", God's "woman", and Revelation 12: 17 foretells that Satan is extremely mad at this "remnant of his seed" and goes forth to make war against such who undertake the testimony of Jesus Christ and keep God's commandments to declare that testimony. That Scripture is conclusive proof that the Devil is the one who instigates and carries forward the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses and that the visible human persecutors of these witnesses are acting for and as agents of the Devil. (Romans 6: 16) Even though priest, clergymen and their associates in persecuting Jehovah's witnesses claim to be "Christian", the facts and the fruits they bear show that such claims are false, for the reason that God and Christ Jesus do not persecute anyone and certainly God would not have one set of His servants to intolerantly persecute another company of His servants. Why would Jehovah permit His witnesses to be thus wrongfully treated and persecuted by men who represent the Devil? The answer is, In order to cause the anti-theocratic enemies of God to identify and mark themselves for destruction and to afford opportunity for His witnesses to prove their faithfulness.

All this witness work is done at Almighty God's commandment to give the people an opportunity to identify themselves as to where they stand. This is God's work, and no human power can stop it. Intolerant persecutors may imprison, beat up, mob and kill many of Jehovah's witnesses, but that will not stop the witness work. Where one falls in the ranks Jehovah God raises up others to take his place. He has decreed that the testimony must be given, and it will be given until Armageddon.

Now the Kingdom message must go to the people that they may have opportunity to identify themselves and to take their stand on one side or the other. The gospel message of the Kingdom is therefore separating the people into two general classes, and Christ Jesus is the One who as Judge is doing that separating work. With which class will you identify yourself?

What Price Profit?

◆ Is not the purpose of industry to supply human wants? Is there any other reason for trade, domestic or foreign, than the distribution of products of industry? Have we not been taught without end, amen, that commerce is service benefiting buyer and seller alike? But if all this be true, why industrial and commercial rivalry—and more important still, why industrial and commercial rivalry by war to the knife? Or could it be that the purpose of modern industry is not to supply human wants, but to make profits; that the aim of commerce is not service but profit? And if the latter be the case, as no informed person will deny, is not war between nations a continuation of the wars fought within the framework of nations between buyers and sellers? And, pray, what is profit but the margin between cost and price? Industrialists buy muscle, brains and skill at the lowest possible price. Hence their anxiety to prevent collective bargaining on the part of labor and to maintain prices by way of collusion, combination, legislation and sometimes conspiracy. Do not intelligent merchants merge, combine their enterprises, and doing so make enough profit to put their rugged individualist competitors out of business?

Is it not a fact that in hundreds of thousands of counting rooms and offices sharp-witted men armed with sharpened pencils are continually racking their brains about two fundamentals—how to lower costs by docking wages and salaries or supplanting human energy and gray matter by mechanical energy and automatic processes, on the one hand; and on the other, to maintain or attain the highest possible prices, that is, all that the traffic will bear, an ideal that only the perfect monopoly or gentlemen's agreement can achieve?—Oscar Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*.

Morgan Does Not Control

◆ The house of Morgan does not control everything in the United States; not quite. All its controls are the two largest corporations in the country, American Telephone and Telegraph and United States Steel, and a few other little things like the International Telephone and Telegraph, the New York Central, General Electric, Pullman, First National Bank of New York, Guaranty Trust, New

York Trust, Bankers' Trust, Lackawanna Railroad, Rutland, Chesapeake & Ohio, Missouri Pacific, Erie, Big Four, Pere Marquette, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Wheeling & Lake Erie, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Burlington, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Gulf, Mobile and Northern, Santa Fe, Southern, Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, Consolidated Gas of New York, United Corporation, Commonwealth and Southern, United Gas Improvement Company, Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, Niagara Hudson Power Corporation, Columbia Gas and Electric Corporation, Electric Bond and Share, American Power and Light, American Gas and Electric, National Power and Light, Electric Power and Light, Kennecott Copper, Phelps-Dodge, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, Continental Oil, Montgomery Ward, National Biscuit, Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron, Baldwin Locomotive Works, Glen Alden Coal, and St. Regis Paper Company. Combined assets are set at \$30,-210,000,000.

Annual Dividends to Workers

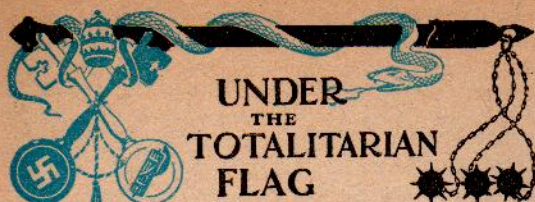
◆ J. Harvey Gravell, president of the American Chemical Paint Company, is dead at the age of 63, after three happy years in each of which he divided about \$75,000 with his 76 employees. In one of the distributions \$21,000 was given to the wives of the workers, who mended the socks, cooked the food, washed the dishes, put on a good front and reared the offspring to take the place of the worn-out workers.

Bonus to Eastman Employees

◆ The Eastman Kodak Company, March 25, 1940, distributed its 28th annual wage dividend, amounting to \$2,362,331. This sets a wonderful example to other large employers and makes one wonder that many of them never think of such a thing.

Sardines May Pass Out

◆ So many sardines are being caught and packed that these succulent fish may soon be no more. On account of greatly improved methods of catching and packing, the lanes of the sea are being stripped of their young sardines faster than they can be replaced.



Pacelli and Hitler—An Exposure

THERE can be no doubt about the fact that the 30th of January, 1933, was a turning-point in modern history. It was on that day that Hitler came into power in Germany. After that date came the dramatic cavalcade of events, rearmament of Germany, remilitarization of the Rhineland, occupation of Austria, Czechoslovakia and finally of Poland, which led to the present, second, world war.

How was it possible that Hitler came to power? which groups in German policy played the most important part in the great game, which now plunged the world into war and caused misery so far not known in history?

Certainly the power of the demons was working with the purpose of stopping the proclamation of Jehovah's Kingdom in Germany. Before the Hitler regime the message of God's kingdom was widely proclaimed in Germany and tens of thousands of persons took their stand on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom. Most of these were later put in concentration camps and prisons, and some of them tortured to death.

Responsibility

But who then were the visible tools of the devilish power driving the world to madness? The time is here when everything will be exposed. This is done at the present time through the proclamation of the message of truth. At the same time some parts of Satan's organization expose themselves. So it will be of great interest to our readers to learn what Fritz Thyssen wrote to one of his coworkers in a letter, which was published in the *Arbeiter-Zeitung* in Basel, Switzerland. Fritz Thyssen was president of the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, the great German steel and armament trust, who some months ago fled to Switzerland. In 1932, when the Nazi party was facing bankruptcy and ruin Thyssen financed Hitler and played an important part in the great conspiracy to bring Hitler into power. Extracts from his letter are as follows:

In the many years during which I could watch the Nazi regime—and I had many opportunities as Staatsrat [Privy Councilor] and leader of German economy—I recognized with increasing anxiety, and finally horror, what a great mistake I committed in 1932, when I undertook, together with Messrs. von Papen, von Schroeder, Kirdorf, and Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, to finance the Nazi party, and when we became as guarantors for the good behavior of Hitler, the responsibility before Germany and before the world, to give him power.

At that time, the same as today, Hitler promised everything we wanted: to Herr von Papen, power and authority; to Herr Krupp, orders and money, tons of money; and especially to us all, a quiet home; in foreign policy, agreement with England; also agreement with the working class, which should be reconciled by social measures for the loss of the unions and their political rights. The idea was to have a sort of Christian Corporate State organized according to the classes, which should be supported by the church—in the west by the Catholic, and in the east by the Protestant church—and by the army. . . .

Hitler then promised what to me was the most important thing: not to touch the rights of the Catholic church. He repeated this promise in a long conversation with Monsignor Kaas, who paid him a visit, following an order of the then papal nuncio to Germany, Pacelli, now Pius XII, and this without knowledge of the leader of the Zentrum party [the Catholic party of Germany at that time], Chancellor Bruening. This conference led to the overthrow of the last legal German government, that of Bruening, and marked the beginning of that epoch of German and European policies which led to the second world war, of today. The Catholic church, or rather the diplomatic mastery of the nuncio Pacelli, which really influenced the whole policy of the last years of the Weimar republic, gained the only victory over Hitler—the concordat—which so far has not yet been broken openly or by violence. Nevertheless the concordat exists since the first day only on paper.

The *Arbeiter-Zeitung*, Basel, published this letter under the headline "Pius XII—as Nuncio—Brought Hitler to Power".

Conspiracy

Certainly the Catholic Hierarchy will not want it, that the mystery about the conspiracy to bring Hitler into power comes to the light of the day. But just consider for one moment what the very man who financed Hitler and was a member of the clique which brought Hitler into power says: 'The conference with the representative of the papal nuncio [Pacelli—now Pius XII] . . . marked the beginning of the epoch of German and Euro-

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pean policies which led to the second world war, of to-day.' The papal nuncio torpedoed the legal German government by agreement with Hitler and the representatives of German high finance more than a year before Hitler actually came to power.

After Bruening came some sort of interim government under the Catholic von Papen, who started a form of authoritative regime and cleared the way for the following fully totalitarian regime and the destruction of all liberties of the people. He restored the SA and SS, the storm-troopers of Hitler, and in the following elections the Nazi party increased from 107 to 230 seats. Hitler demanded the chancellery, but Hindenburg refused. New elections followed another conference of the clique, and by intrigue and treachery Hitler came to the chancellery of Germany. Events started rolling towards the catastrophe which we face now.

Shortly after, in June, 1933, the International Bible Students Association (otherwise Jehovah's witnesses) in Germany was banned, and about the same time the concordat between the Vatican and Germany was signed. What further followed everybody knows. Thousands of people were killed and tortured; hundreds of thousands driven out of their homes, thrown into prisons and concentration camps; millions mourning and without rights, without shelter; evil rampant in the world, and everybody trembling lest they be the next victims of the cruel monstrosity plunging the world into war. The "Holy Inquisition" at its worst was raised again. There can be no doubt about the responsibility for all these things before human history and before Jehovah God. The very man who helped Hitler into power, and who took part in the intrigues behind the scenes, testifies to the conspiracy between the papal nuncio and German financiers and armament-mongers, to establish the dictatorial rule in Germany.

Hypocrisy

Compare with these facts a message from Frankfurt am Main, as published in the New York Times: "The leaders of the Catholics in Germany have forgotten what is separating them from the Third Reich and exhort their believers in and outside the Reich to do their utmost in the righteous cause of the German nation under the leadership of Chancellor Adolf Hitler." What do the Catholics in other countries think about that? And now the same

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religionist on whose shoulders rests a great part of the responsibility for the present catastrophe poses before the world as the only power on earth that is striving for peace, that is making peace efforts, and that is supposed to be leading other powers to reach a peace agreement! Can you imagine a greater hypocrisy than that of Pacelli?—*Australian Consolation*.

Meat on Fridays

◆ With the outbreak of the war French government regulations made Monday, Tuesday and Friday meatless. Many French are Catholic, so they would refrain from eating meat on Friday anyway, and they would eat enough meat on Sunday that they could then do nicely without it for two days following. After six months the meatless days were changed to Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. That would seem to have left only Thursday and Saturday as the days when meat might be eaten. Before the new regulations could go into effect the Roman Catholic authorities decided that until the end of the war it would be all right for the French to eat all the meat on Friday that they might wish. What do you suppose was the reason back of that change? The natural effect of it is to glorify the church in the eyes of the common man, and to make him think that the church is interested in his happiness and welfare, which, of course, is not even remotely true. If it is all right to eat meat on Friday during wartime, then it is all right to eat meat on Friday at any other time. And if it is wrong to eat meat on Friday at any time, then surely it is just as wrong during a time of war as at other times.

Achievements of Twenty Years

◆ There never has been a time when the Vatican did more bragging of its power than in the last two decades, and yet the editor of the *Osservatore Romano*, published at Vatican City, recently published the following statement, which shows what a hollow sham the whole thing is. He said:

Today we have reached the point where after only twenty years we are forced to admit that no step forward has been taken, despite the bitter experience, the loss of millions of lives, the destruction of immense riches and the innumerable decisions to put an end to violence. We are witnessing another frightful experience and new—perhaps more horrible—massacres. Doubtless there will be new and graver destruction to the economic system, which is not even convalescent.

The Black International

◆ Mussolini slaughtered 250,000 helpless, unarmed civilians in Ethiopia, but that didn't stop the pope from blessing the banners of the black-shirted mass murderers. That was all right because Mussolini had been careful to arrange in advance for definite concessions to the Church—control of education, marriage, non-recognition of Protestant and other churches that might compete with the Catholic Church, and many other gifts to the Vatican, including strict laws making it a prison offense for anybody to say or print anything critical about Catholic ideology. Do such favors to the pope and he pays back with interest the next time he scribbles an encyclical. Think of an anti-totalitarian (!) encyclical that turns to Mussolini's rotten, bloody regime and sings of "our dear Italy, fruitful garden of the faith"! If you want to organize a dictatorship and have it earn the praise of the pope, be sure to play Mussolini's shrewd game of paying tribute to the Black International. The first investment is heavy, but the dividends are pure gravy. To read the paeans of praise by our editorial writers and the lyrical outbursts of the headline writers one would get the impression—without reading the full text of the encyclical, of course—that the pope had assumed leadership of a united front against Fascism. Our cockroach editors fear to tell the truth about the Catholic Church because of the priests' tremendous hold on free expression in the press, so they parrot the lies of the Church when the least they could do is keep their dirty mouths shut. The twin horrors of an editorial prostitute—a heavy advertiser and the Church.—*American Freeman*.

All Carefully Figured Out

◆ On March 3 the pope suddenly extended his arms in a "beseeching gesture" that God would restore honor and concord among nations. Less than six weeks after that Hitler, who is the greatest shining light in the Catholic heavens, seized Denmark and Norway; so it looks as if the theatrical public prayer had been answered backward. Probably the exercises of March 3 were all carefully figured out in advance, and may even have been practiced before the mirror. The newspapermen at Vatican City have to be provided daily with a certain amount of dope, and this was intended to get at least one headline.

How to Become a Perfect Christian (?)

◆ Seated at the altar, the Bishop dips his thumb in Holy Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and balsam, which he has consecrated on Holy Thursday.

As each child or adult kneels before him, the Bishop anoints the forehead with the Holy Chrism in the form of a cross saying:

"I sign thee with the sign of the cross, and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

At the conclusion of the anointing and prayer the Bishop will give the person confirmed a slight blow on the cheek to remind him of the blows which Christ received for us and to indicate that the confirmed Christian must be ready to endure all things for the sake of Our Lord.

Immediately afterwards an assisting priest will wipe away the Holy Chrism from the forehead with a piece of cotton and the child or adult will return to his place in the Church, "a strong and perfect Christian and a soldier of Jesus Christ."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies those who have been confirmed go forth with the Holy Ghost present in their souls.—From a copyrighted leaflet entitled "Holy Chrism—the Sacrament of Confirmation", by the "Reverend Father" Edward Lodge Curran, Ph. D. [Neither Jesus nor any of the apostles knew anything about any such nonsense.—*Ed.*]

Isn't It Nice?

◆ The London *Catholic Herald* was asked the question of what would happen to a child that died during the ceremony of baptism, just as the words were being pronounced. Would it go to heaven, or would it go to limbo? The answer was that nobody could be sure when its soul left its body, and if the soul had not left before the priest finished his job the baby would go straight to heaven. That is awfully nice—for the priests. It makes sure that they will get the business and the revenue that comes from it. Now if the *Herald* had told the truth, that no child was ever baptized, or could be baptized, that there is no such place as limbo, and that no child ever went to heaven, or ever will go to heaven, and that there is no such thing as a soul separate from the body, why, the priest would not have been summoned, and would not have added one round red cent to his pile.

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Shannon Lands in "Purgatory"

◆ A year ago the ex-mayor of Oldham, England, invaded a meeting of Jehovah's witnesses in that city and with the help of numerous comrades of his own religion greatly disturbed 600 decent Christian people by boisterous singing of Catholic songs. Police put the disturbers on the street. Shannon, the ex-mayor, made some threats as to what he would do, but nobody took the threats as any more than the usual hypocritical, cowardly Catholic bluff so common now everywhere. Now comes a death notice in *The Catholic Herald*; also an advertisement that "Your charitable prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of James Shannon, who departed this life," etc., etc. The worst of it is, for Shannon, that he bet on the wrong horse. He is all washed up for keeps and even his memory will rot. The place in which he is will hold him forever; but don't worry. "The dead know not any thing." Shannon was averse to knowing anything while he lived; so all is well.

The Candle Trade

◆ It beats all, how the candle trade keeps up. At the "Feast of the Purification" (no knowledge in Brooklyn as to who was purified) the pope received 174 candles. There is nothing said in the Scriptures about how many candles Jesus and the apostles had. It doesn't even mention the candles that Joseph and Mary had, let alone the early church. But now look at it. If the pope should decide to quit the pope racket and go into the candle business he could be a wholesaler. But then nobody would want to buy his candles; so it looks as if he would have to stay where he is until something better turns up, if it does.

All Ready for the Big Putsch

◆ The pope is getting all ready for the big putsch, just in case some nervous Protestant aviator should bust loose with one of these seven-story-tall airplanes and conclude to get at the center of all the trouble and discord in the earth by obliterating the Vatican. Papa purchased 1,000 gas masks, one for each person in the city, and has built an air-raid shelter inside of walls thirty feet thick. Eugene doesn't want to be blown up or gassed, and you can't blame a "Vicar of Christ" for feeling a little bit uneasy about the risk of being bumped off just when the going is getting good.

"Pope Prays for Peace"

◆ On March 25 the pope prayed for peace, concord and unity among nations; he was afraid war would bring sufferings and ruin; he said treaties had been violated, etc., etc. Sixteen days later one of his chosen satellites, that staunch Roman Catholic Adolf Hitler, trickily landed tens of thousands of soldiers at five o'clock in the morning in every important port of Denmark and Norway. Respect treaties? Certainly NOT. The pope was approached to see if he would not at least say something to Adolf about this kind of business, and his reply was, in effect, "What do you take me for? Do you think I am going to chide one of my sons for attacking a couple of Protestant countries? Don't you know that Norway has only 2,600 Catholics and that Adolf has 30,000,000 of my followers fighting with him? You must think I don't know how to look after my business. But I do. It is all right to pray for peace, but when it comes to working for it, that is an entirely different matter."

Mother Church Identifies Fascist Child

◆ It should not be so very hard for a mother to identify her own child, and when she does so identify her child, and expresses surprise that it looks like her and acts like her (in spite of the fact that she claims to be a virgin), her course is hypocritical, to say the least. *The Catholic Herald*, London, doing what it can to make Fascism popular in Britain, contained a dispatch from Vatican City referring to a Congress of Catholic Professional Men in which it said, with obvious truth, "This Congress proves what has so often been denied, namely, that Catholicity and the Fascist life are compatible." Compatible? Compatible? Why, Fascism is the natural child of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the mother of all dictators.

Politics in Jewish Relief

◆ It is rather poor politics for a Jewish relief organization, confronted with one of the most appalling persecutions any people have ever faced, to give \$250,000 to the pope and to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, ostensibly for the aid of Christian refugees, but really to induce these professed Christians to use their influence to put an end to anti-Semitism. It looks for all the world like a huge-scale bribe.

That 'Big Heart Full of Sorrow'

◆ With that 'big heart full of sorrow', which backed Mussolini in the rape of Ethiopia and Franco in the rape of Spain, and blessed both these murderers for what they did in the way of murdering defenseless women and children, the pope said recently, "Our heart is full of sorrow not only for the terrible calamities that overwhelm the countries at war, but also for the evils every day more menacing that threaten other nations." With that he ordered prayers to the "Virgin Mother of God" for peace. These prayers were to be sent on their way during the month of May, named after the heathen goddess Maia. It is in this month that the celebration of Mother's Day occurs. The pope wanted everything to agree, and it does.

Isn't It Wonderful?

◆ In an address at Rome the pope said that "the present war was caused by the fact that some statesmen ignored the law of Christian charity". Now isn't that wonderful? Ponder the wisdom of a man that could think that all out by himself! Incidentally, who are these men? Franco, the Catholic, who destroyed the Spanish Republic; Mussolini, the Catholic, who destroyed Ethiopia and Albania. Hitler, the Catholic, who destroyed Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, and, with his bosom friend Stalin, brought about the subjugation of Finland and Sweden.

Smaller Cars for Italy

◆ The London *Catholic Universe* contains a picture of hundreds of automobiles being "blessed" in Rome, where a special stand was erected for the purpose. The idea of "blessing" dogs is so that there will be more dogs; when horses are "blessed" that means more colts; when donkeys and elephants are blessed that means more politicians; and so it looks as if Italy were in for smaller cars.

Then Why All the Swords?

◆ In a silly speech to his so-called "Noble Guard" Mr. Pacelli is reported to have said to them, "We are confident that you will never have to defend us with force." One naturally wonders, then, why they are equipped with swords. The pope sees the inconsistency, remarking that "the Church of God has no need to be defended like a fortified camp". Why does he not fire the whole crowd?

Know What a Baldachin Is?

◆ Do you know what a baldachin is? Some people have to have everything explained to them. Well, a baldachin (according to the dictionary) is a nice piece of extra fine silk, spread out over a pope or something like that. So when you read in the papers that the pope had "a great new pontifical throne", a "wide solid structure of wood", and then you come to the following paragraph, you will know what it means. And you won't have to sneak to the dictionary to try to find out what it is all about:

The throne itself will be on a podium containing seven steps. The high back of the throne will be divided into three sections. The two outside ones, which are lower than the center, will carry supports for a small baldachin.

Ratti's Offer Not Accepted

◆ Before he died Mr. Ratti, late Pope Pius XI, stated that he offered his sufferings for some good cause, forgot what. But it seems the offerings were not accepted, and the latest word is that he went to "purgatory" after all. How sad! Mr. Pacelli has had prayers offered for the repose of his soul in "purgatory". That must be a mighty bad place, "purgatory," especially in view of the Scripture statement that "the dead know not any thing". Wouldn't it be awful to "suffer terribly" and not have sense enough to know you were suffering at all?

Spanish Minds Closed

◆ By edict of Franco the minds of the Spanish people are to be closed. They may no longer learn. Nothing can come into Spain in the way of printed matter without permission, and this means that the Inquisition is in full force and effect; for Franco has stated that he never does the least thing without first obtaining the consent of the archbishop of Toledo.

Greece Comes into Line

◆ Frightened by the sweep of totalitarianism over the earth, and fearful that it might get caught on the wrong side of the fence, the government of Greece, though under the control of the Greek Catholic Church, decided to permit the re-establishment of the Jesuit order, banished, for the good of the country, three hundred years ago.

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Birds, Bees, Fish

Robin Migrations

◆ On Friday afternoon, February 23, my brother and I were looking out over the field to the west of the Kingdom School at Gates, Pennsylvania, when we noticed three robins. We had just remarked about it, when a movement in a tree attracted our attention. More robins! A close scrutiny disclosed dozens of them, in the trees, in the bushes, and in the grass. While we were watching them, there was a sudden rushing of wings, and from an adjoining field a score or more arose, swept along the tops of the bushes, and settled on the school property just as the first group took flight. Soon another group, and another, flew across—nearly two hundred birds in all. One flock of about thirty bluebirds winged its way overhead and disappeared; but the robins stayed for a time, seeming to enjoy the early spring sunshine.

For two weeks we saw no robins, except an occasional stray. Then one evening, just before sunset, a large flock of birds flew across the school. They came from the east—a little north of east, in fact—and faded from sight a little to the south of west. At the same time the next evening they came again; and the next, and the next. Usually they flew straight across, without stopping; and the air was filled with their soft chirping—robins, all of them. But occasionally they would sweep low from the east, and settle like a gentle spring rain in the trees and on the grass. We sometimes counted two or three dozen robins in an area just a few yards square.

Evening after evening the robins came, always from the same direction, always appearing shortly after six o'clock and disappearing with the setting sun. They came in flocks of varying numbers, from twenty to over a hundred; and these flocks were almost continuous, so that many times the sky, as far as we could see in all directions with a pair of field glasses, was full of these living, twinkling clouds. We often counted eight or nine or ten hundred robins in a single evening, and that was only those that we could see with the naked eye and that we could manage to count as they flew overhead.

Very probably these same robins flew back again at dawn, but we could never get the sleep out of our eyes sufficiently to watch for them. And so where they came from and where

they went each day is still a mystery. But every evening, week in and week out, the air was filled with the soft rush of hundreds of wings and a soft chirping sound; until the nesting season broke up their ranks and they came only as casual visitors, as robins should.

A large ring-neck pheasant has discovered that the Gates Kingdom School property isn't such a bad place, and very graciously allows us to share it with him. He frequently makes a tour of inspection of the school grounds, marching proudly and sedately about, quite unhurried and quite unafraid. Last fall he would occasionally meet the children on their way to school, and would walk up to the building just ahead of or beside them. One evening this spring when one of the witnesses was watering the school lawn, friend pheasant sauntered up to within a few feet of the hose. He seemed to be unconcerned about the fact that he was interrupting the sprinkling process. On another occasion, when an evening meeting was being held in the schoolroom, the pheasant walked up onto the school porch and looked in at the door. We are hoping that he will not be the victim of some Nimrod during the hunting season.—Grace Estep.

Wild Women of the Deep

◆ Talk about women's being men's headaches: the siren angler female, which travels around in depths of a half mile to a mile below the surface, carries a beacon light by which she attracts the male. The poor unsophisticated male falls for her blandishments, and when he does he ceases to have a separate existence, but becomes a complete house-broke parasite, eventually losing his eyes, fins, teeth, stomach, bony structure, coat, pants, vest and undershirt until at last he has nothing left but his wedding certificate.

The Value of Bees

◆ Dr. J. E. Eckert, associate professor of entomology at the University of California, claims that in their pollenization of cherries, almonds, prunes, apples, pears and other fruits the honeybees of his state render in such service thirty-three times the amount realized on the honey they produce. And this says nothing about the 250,000 pounds of beeswax used in polishes, cosmetics, paints, varnishes, candles and other commercial compounds.

Protecting the Moneybags

◆ The City and West End of London, the English gentfolk, hitherto imperialist flag-waggers of the extremest type, confronted with the alternative of a mean and shameful peace or the grave menace of world reconstruction, did not hesitate for a moment. Their preference for their interests over the national honor and the future of the world was shameless.

I charge that, to enforce the Munich surrender, the British government set about organizing a public panic. If they imagined they were doing anything else, then they are bigger fools and less knaves than I imagine. The facts lie bare. Quite suddenly John Bull found himself being shouted at with loud-speakers, raided by uniformed officials, blockaded by sandbags, clapped into gas masks and encumbered in his daily movement by great multitudes of women and children already in flight from their London homes to refuges without adequate water, food supply or medical attendance.

He discovered that at the mere bluff of a couple of thousand planes or so over London he was expected to scamper, burrow like a rabbit and squeal for mercy. Slowly he is realizing what sort of figure he has been made to cut in this world of men. But he is now sitting up. He is taking notice. He is asking questions. He has been fed with the story that he is the brave, wise master of a great empire, and now he asks, "What have you been doing with this empire of mine?"

The ruling class now spends sleepless nights inventing pacifying answers to such questions.—H. G. Wells, in the *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

Singing in Face of Death

◆ As the British airplane carrier *Courageous* sank into her watery grave hundreds of British lads who knew they had not a chance for life lined up on the deck and cheered and sang until the waters closed over their heads. Will Hitler sing when he dies?

Blackouts Cause Deaths

◆ The immediate effect of the blackouts in England was that road deaths were doubled. Lives lost in September 1938 were 554, and in September 1939 they were 1,130. The majority of the casualties were pedestrians.

Bibles for the Soldiers

◆ Thirty thousand pocket-size Bibles were printed for the British troops, containing a special message from the king reading, in part, as follows:

I recommend the reading of this book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behooves us in these momentous times to travel with renewed faith to this divine source of confidence and inspiration.

It is reported that one of the conditions imposed upon Hitler by Stalin is that the German Bible *Mein Kampf* be withdrawn from further sale because of its sharp criticisms of Bolshevism.

Getting Tired of the Pigeons

◆ England is getting tired of the pigeons that make their home in Trafalgar Square and around St. Paul's. The number, around 1,500, is cut down by the killing of several hundred every year; but pigeons multiply so rapidly that the nuisance has become continuous. Public feeding of the birds is now deplored, and owners of buildings are urged to put wire nets around cornices so that the number of nests will be reduced.

Killing a Child with Kindness

◆ A Lincoln, England, mother was found guilty of killing her 11-year-old son with kindness. She kept him for three months in bed, on a soft diet and without any outside air. Windows were kept closed on the finest of sunny days. The boy became languid, pale and emaciated, and unable to use his limbs. When taken away from his mother he grew better rapidly.

Impossible Quantities of Aspirin

◆ Nobody should take aspirin. It actually destroys the nerves; this point seems well established. But the *Glasgow Herald* states that the British public consume 3,000,000,000 five-grain aspirin tablets every year. That would be 8,000,000 a day, and do incredible harm.

Same as in 1914-1918

◆ Following the same practice as in 1914-1918, Southern Ireland has become a virtual ally of Germany. Information on defense matters is conveyed to the German minister in Dublin and by him relayed to Germany.

Canada

The Mania for Oaths

◆ The time seems to be approaching when in every country there will be inspectors at each street corner to require oaths of loyalty to the flag or the king or the dictator or the pope or some other gazabo before the pedestrian may board a bus or automobile, or, maybe, cross the street. It will be a wonderful day, and everybody will be so happy because each will know that everybody else is loyal to everything, and therefore there can be no danger to anybody or anything. The latest is that Dr. Weit, minister of education, of British Columbia, has softening of the intellect in this direction and has ruled, promulgated, stipulated and ordered that from now henceforth and forever the teachers of British Columbia must and shall take an oath of allegiance to the king. The garbage collectors, priests and newsboys are next on the list; for what is the use of having garbage collectors, clergymen and newsboys if they will not come across with oaths, salutes and whatever else it is that the victims of maniac depression feel that they want? Perhaps these exactors of oaths are so ready to demand them of all and sundry because they themselves take oaths so very lightly one would never know the difference.

Sawdust Insulation

◆ It has been discovered that one inch of wood shavings or sawdust provides as much protection against heat or cold as a stone wall 10 to 70 inches thick; so, if you want a house that is warm in winter and cool in summer, fill in the spaces between the joists and stringers with sawdust, thoroughly dried and mixed with one part by weight of air-slaked lime to every ten parts of wood substance. The lime keeps the rats and mice away. Spaces filled with sawdust render a building slow-burning. This information comes from the Forest Products Laboratories of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada.

Canada's Indian Population Increasing

◆ In five years the Indians of Canada increased from 112,510, in 1934, to 118,406, in 1939. Many have become expert farmers and stock raisers, while their natural aptitude for fishing and trapping, two important Canadian enterprises, make them well suited to live alongside the white race on a basis of equality.

Liberty in Manitoba

◆ Owing to the protest of numerous parents of children attending schools in Manitoba, and the objection by them to having their children compelled to sing "God Save the King", the regulations concerning the singing of that song and "O Canada" were amended so that a child can be excused. All that the parent of the child need do is to write to the superintendent or to the principal of the school, or the teacher of the class, making objection to the participation by the child in the exercises and the child is excused from partaking in same, except that the child must stand when the other pupils stand and must not disrupt the classes and cannot leave the classroom.

Teachers' Oaths in British Columbia

◆ In time of war there is always this talk of "loyalty". What actually happens is that some of our elders and betters do not have to make the sacrifice demanded from the young and the poor; they may even find their sphere of activity and influence enlarged. So they have to make a parade of this thing they call loyalty, and, of course, the easiest way to show they possess it is to prove that someone else doesn't. Real loyalty, like honor, is not meant to be talked about; if you try, it vanishes. —Dorothy Bazett, in the *Victoria (B.C.) Daily News*.

Drop in Canadian Immigration

◆ With the increase of labor-saving machinery, there is less and less disposition on the part of governments in all parts of the world to accept immigrants. This may be seen in Canada, as well as in the United States. In Canada, in the year 1930 there were 104,806 immigrants entering the country, but in 1935 there were only 11,277 admitted; and there were but 17,244 admitted in 1938.

A Huge Pile of Herring

◆ The St. John's (Newfoundland) *Evening Telegram* contained a picture of a huge pile of herring 30 feet wide, 45 feet long, and 8 feet high, rejected by a single packer as unsuitable for the 1,400 barrels he sent to market. The sad part of this is the desperate poverty of many Newfoundlanders, and the difficulty they have found in getting enough to eat.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Clouds Gathering Round Britain

● These days of darkening clouds gathering round Britain bring to mind the words recorded by the prophet Isaiah at chapter 28:19: 'morning by morning . . . by day and by night it shall be a terror [shuddering] to understand the report.' Of course, Isaiah's prophecy was not of news broadcast by the morning and evening editions of the newspapers telling what is permitted to be told of the events and happenings in the war; but the words are very applicable to the eagerness, tinged with the sense of danger, with which the daily reports are received. Most certainly the prophecy speaks of our times and of these days, but they are addressed to religionists, foretelling the distress into which they are surely going as the events of this 'day of the LORD' progress to the culmination of His judgments against every false thing.

The people of Britain have certainly had severe shocks to bear as now the radio then the newspapers have told how allies in whose word they trusted have suddenly dropped their allegiance, placing the overseas armies of Britain in precarious positions. The sudden action of the Belgian king in capitulating to Hitler and commanding the Belgian army to cease fighting came as a great shock, even in these days of covenant-breaking. It immediately followed the day of prayer in which all the sections of religion joined. Those who had prayed must have received a jolt as they heard the news, but they took some consolation from the result of the rescue of almost all of the British army from Belgium, effected by almost superhuman efforts, made in great danger and with much heroism. Then came a similar happening in France after the dispatch of another British army with full equipment. To the British people came the astounding news that the French government had broken its agreement not to make a separate peace, but had actually done so, and had asked Hitler for his terms for a cessation of his attacks on France. Again the British government had to reverse its pouring of men and

materials into France and now prepare to shut its military power into its own land as in a fortress. Losses of lives and of much war material have resulted, as all the world knows. Mussolini's calculated entrance of Italy into the war did not come as a shock: it was well understood that this dictator was watching and waiting for the time when he could deliver a shock blow, partly to further his own ambitions and partly at the command of his master Hitler; but Italy as an enemy in a vital part of the British empire was a severe addition to the forces arrayed against it.

Now the mightiest ruthless power that the world has known is just across the narrow sea which separates Britain from the continent and is preparing to follow up his success and accomplish his set purpose by a destructive attack on Britain. His purpose is known, and in itself the fact does not come as a shock as the breaking of covenants has done, but the fact that there is imminent danger of invasion, both of the shores of Britain and by air, from which no part of the land is free, is itself a shock. Only a few years ago such a possibility was not visualized, and would have been dismissed as an unthinkable thing. But the fact is present, and Britain, after a thousand years of freedom from an invader, has the fact to face.

Hitler's declaration of his purpose to destroy Britain as a world power, and bring it down to a minor factor in world affairs, and at that to have it subject to German domination, has at last got into the consciousness of the people. The considered impossibility of what were considered his grandiose ideas of domination in Europe and bringing it into Nazism, especially as these affected Britain, left the people of Britain cold: his schemes were considered more as a kind of mad outbreak which would spend itself in confusion than as something to become a reality. His book became a "best seller", pushed by "enterprising" publishers, because it was "interesting", and the nightly broadcasts from Hamburg by a renegade Englishman became a favorite listening-in pastime: Britain opened the doors of the mind and the poison of Nazism was poured in, all part of the great scheme preparing for the great day. Now his altogether unexpected success gained in ruthless fashion has set the people on edge to prepare themselves for a similar ruthless attack on Britain. Events considered humanly im-

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possible have happened. That the German forces have been aided beyond what might have been expected by Hitler and his savage and cruel aides, and beyond the mistakes made by the French army leaders—incredulous, the French prime minister called them—is entering into the minds of many who watch the onrush with startled eyes. That treachery has been a great factor in the German successes is believed by many; but some are beginning to think that a spirit of evil is working—even the chief archbishop so expressed himself. But the archbishop and his clergy won't face the facts of the Scriptures' plain words. That Word, the sacred Scriptures, despised or ignored by the nations, who have been misled by their priests of all kinds and classes, tells of the time when the Devil, the enemy of all righteousness and of liberty, except when and where it pleases him to be the advocate of liberty, or to appear as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), will enter into the affairs of the nations. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) That time immediately precedes the full establishment of the kingdom of God which He by His prophets declared He would set up in the earth; it is the time of which Jesus spoke when in His last great prophecy He told of His coming again in the power and glory of the Father, and in which prophecy He declared the world would then experience the greatest time of trouble it had known or should know. (See Matthew 24.)

The Devil is the instigator of this oppressive totalitarian rule which is fast enveloping Europe in its toils. In London, Judge Rutherford, speaking from the Royal Albert Hall and to the listening people throughout the world, just at the time of the Munich compact, warned the peoples of the earth of the threatening danger from Nazism, Fascism and the most subtle and dangerous of all, the totalitarian hierarchy in Rome. He warned the world that the liberties of free peoples were in danger from this combination.

It is well understood that in France there were persons in high places of influence and power and with deep roots in finance who were so afraid of Communism's getting a greater hold in that country as to make them friends of Mussolini and his Fascism, even if they were not so friendly disposed to Hitler and his Nazism. Many of these are Roman

Catholics, and when at the last the latest premier of France, appointed to that office by their influence, made advances to Hitler, they wanted to call in as their representative Franco, the Catholic "Christian gentleman", to act as their representative.

Jehovah's witnesses have carried Judge Rutherford's words of warning to the ends of the earth, but they have gone unheeded by those who have the liberties of the peoples in their care. His words were not lost, for thousands faced the facts, learned the truth, and have turned to the Word of God and unto the salvation which it promises to those who seek Him and do His will. Such as do thus turn to the Word of God are saved from the fear of the things which are now coming on the earth: they know that when the war of Satan against God comes to its end and God has cleansed the earth of those who destroy it—as these dictators are now doing, and the whole combination is seeking to destroy the liberty of men—they, the destroyers themselves, will be destroyed. 'And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come . . . and that thou shouldest reward them that fear thy name . . . and destroy them which destroy the earth.' (Revelation 11:18) To those whose eyes are opened to the Scriptures there is no question that the Devil is back of all these untoward and unexpected events which threaten to take away all that free men have enjoyed and expected to continue to enjoy. The message which Jehovah's witnesses have carried through the earth during the past few years has been not only to warn men against these things now coming on the earth, but to tell them that they cannot expect to receive the blessings of God, life and happiness, except they acknowledge Him and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and to tell the good news of the kingdom of God now set up under His King Jesus, and soon to be fully established in the earth.

Hitler's advance agents, his bombers, have already brought their warning notice of things to come, and the certain general attacks which are to follow are being prepared for. The Government, in its great task of caring for the people, has, as far as possible, provided safety for the children by removing them to the less likely places of danger. Many restrictions are in force to conserve the lives of the inhabitants and to reserve supplies as far as possible. It is a tremendous task they have in hand, and those who have responsibility can

have little time for even necessary rest. There is no hardship in the food supplies, but with the widening-out of the war trouble there must be closer rationing than at present.

Home-produced Food Supply

● The Minister of Agriculture recently said that since the beginning of the war about 70,000 farm workers had been attracted to other industries by the prospect of better wages. The *Yorkshire Post*, commenting on the farming situation, says, "Before the war we were growing only one-third of our food and importing the rest . . . we ought to aim now at producing two-thirds at least." There is a vast acreage of land in Britain which could be put to the plow; some of it is held for sport, much is held by speculating builders, who are waiting opportunities to develop building estates. These are under the observation of the Government and it may be expected that compulsion will be used to make the land produce food for the people. The *Post* says, "Probably a good third of our total land area, to which the present occupiers cannot do justice for various reasons, not necessarily discreditable," can be put into service. The Government now possesses absolute power of control over everybody and everything in the land, and though as yet there is little evidence of such drastic use as might be made, and, in fact, life is on the voluntary plane rather than that of compulsion—excepting, of course, conscription for the army—yet there must come, and perhaps quickly, the compulsion which the Government departments deem necessary for the defense of the country, and for the regulation of its social and physical life.

"Blind Leaders of the Blind"

● "Reverend" Tyler Lane, a prominent leader in the Nonconformist section of religionists in Sheffield, goes on record to tell of his unbelief in the Bible. He has the orthodox parson's objection to belief in the return of the Lord to establish His kingdom in any way other than that orthodoxy has determined shall be. He is reported as saying that the book of The Revelation is not entirely of Christian origin, and that some of it is entirely un-Christian. In saying that he comes under the condemnation of that Book; for it says, at chapter 22, verses eighteen and nineteen, "I [Jesus] testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall

add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Probably the "reverend" does not accept that part of the book, and thinks it un-Christian. At any rate, the words hit him hard. What he does not like about the witness to the truth—though he does not mention any names—is the declaration from the Scriptures that the prophecies of Jesus and those of the apostles about the setting up of the kingdom of God can have any application whatever except in the far-distant future. The clergy and parsons have a kingdom they have made for themselves, and they hope to keep it by all and any means.

Conscientious Objectors

● The bitterness of spirit towards those who have registered themselves as conscientious objectors to military service, which has manifested itself in many places, continues and tends to spread. The probability is that all those who have been placed on the register of objectors will be put compulsorily into the service of the State, perhaps under much the same conditions as those who are in the military service. Work for them will be found either on the land, in farming, as the Government increases the plowing, or in forestry or other service where they can be used without violation of their conscience. Food will be provided—though not on the liberal scale as in the army, and lodging, and a small allowance made weekly for personal needs. The reports of the Tribunals indicate that in many cases objectors to military service from reasons other than that of consecration to the service of God do not appear to take into account the fact that there is some obligation on those who receive and take the benefits of the State.

Beauty Must Yield

◆ The British government served notice that beauty must yield to necessity. Women are warned against using the non-waterproof type of eye-black called mascara. The temperature inside of a gas mask causes the eye-black to run, leaving smarting eyes, profuse tears, eyelid spasms, and an urgent desire to remove the mask and have it all over with.

Turkey

Diplomatic Honesty and Dishonesty

◆ Despite their training in lying and general untrustworthiness, both Hitler and Mussolini are having forced upon them the proof that, after all, honesty is a real asset. The British and French were dishonest in their treatment of Czechoslovakia, and that cost them the loss of Russia and of Poland. That was a lesson in honesty that ought to impress anybody. But a more important one followed. Hitler used the Roman Catholic von Papen to destroy Austria, and then was foolish enough to send him to Turkey to undertake the same thing there. It so happens that the Turkish Government believes in old-fashioned honesty, and so von Papen was the wrong man. Not wishing to go the way of Poland, Turkey turned to the British and French, and the new mutual assistance pact followed. By now, both the British and the French realize the great error they made in hiding under the table at Munich.

Seventeen Leather Sacks

◆ Fishing around in the Bosphorus, recently, the fishermen were rewarded by finding seventeen leather sacks, inside of each of which was

the skeleton of a young woman, with the arms and legs secured with great chains. Back in the reign of Abdul Cardinal Hamid, sometimes known as Abdul the Damned, these were beautiful young women, selected indeed for their beauty all over the Turkish Empire. Sometimes the cardinal bumped off more than 100 persons a day. If he was one of those whom the Hierarchy calls the 'higher powers' won't somebody please tell who are the higher powers of hell?

Iron Ore in Turkey

◆ Following the discovery of an immense deposit of rich iron ore, at Karabuk, 80 miles north of the Turkish capital, a great steel plant has been constructed there, at a cost of \$15,000,000, which is expected to produce annually 150,000 tons of steel, and to be of vast importance in the development of Turkey. Hundreds of skilled steel-workers are being taken there from the British centers of metallurgy, to ensure the successful operation of the plant. They are taking their families along and expecting to remain permanently.

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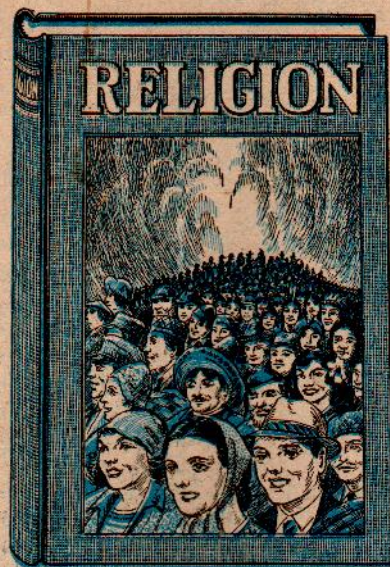
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Children Bearing Witness

◆ On November 24 a zone assembly was held at Los Angeles, California, attended by the prospective "great multitude". At the assembly 497 children publicly declared their devotion to the great THEOCRACY, thus bearing witness to the name of the great THEOCRAT and His King. The following telegram relating to that assembly will be of interest to those who have children who love Jehovah:

The zone assembly at Shrine Auditorium unanimously send to you their greetings and enthusiastic appreciation of your message. Sixty-one hundred fifty in attendance. Four hundred ninety-seven children declared publicly that they have taken their stand on the side of the great THEOCRAT, His King and His kingdom. We unitedly raise our hearts asking Jehovah's continued guidance upon you and upon the onward march of THE THEOCRACY.
—ZONE ASSEMBLY, Los Angeles, November 24.

Some Priestly Opinions

◆ In response to requests made of 1,500 priests as to how the Roman Catholic religion is standing up on current strain, there was considerable blame of Irish Catholic politicians like the crook Judge Manton; some thought the church lost more than it gained by the deal which resulted in Roosevelt's sending Taylor to the Vatican; while a New England priest said of his congregation of French and Polish descent: "They deeply resent Italy's entrance into the war. They are upset by the pope's inability to hold his own people away from Hitler and Stalin. Many are now missing mass. The mention of the pope's name will arouse many to boos. They have torn his picture from the walls."

Kennedy Persona Non Grata

◆ Kennedy, Papal ambassador to Britain, (paid by Uncle Sam) ought certainly to be *persona non grata* to Britain, if, as alleged, he boasted Britain is licked.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Mobocracy (In Two Parts—Part 2)

THE Protestant Press Bureau of Ilford, England, quotes two Jesuit fathers (same organization that invited Roosevelt and Willkie to attend a mass commemorating the 400th anniversary thereof, September 29, according to the New York *Daily Mirror* of September 13, 1940) as imagining the Lord's place of punishment of "Purgatory" as follows:

"You must then conceive purgatory to be a vast, darksome and hideous chaos, full of fire and flames, in which the souls are kept close prisoners until they have satisfied for all their misdemeanours, according to the estimate of Divine Justice. For God [Rome] has made choice of this element of fire wherewith to punish souls, because it is the most active, piercing, sensible, and insupportable of all others."

On page 135 the Jesuit exclaims,

"Good God! how the great saints and doctors astonish me when they treat of this fire, and of the pain of sense as they call it! For they peremptorily pronounce that the fire that purges those souls, those both happy and unhappy souls, surpasses all the torments that are to be found in the miserable life of man, or are possible to be invented; for so far they go. Out of which assertion it clearly follows that the furious fits of stone, fever, or raging gout, the tormenting colic, with all the horrible convulsions of the worst diseases, nay, though you join racks, gridirons, boiling oil, wild beasts, and a hundred horses drawing several ways and tearing one limb from another, with all the hellish devices of the most barbarous and cruel tyrants, all this does not reach the least part of the mildest pains of purgatory."

The Scriptures declare that "God is love" and that "the dead know not any thing". (1 John 4:8; Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10) "Purgatory" is nowhere mentioned in the Bible, and "hell" is shown to mean the grave. With this in mind, note the horrors invented by the Hierarchy:

Few Englishmen are aware of the infamous publications written with this object [of scaring the children] that are circulated by Catholic priests among the poor. I have before me a tract "for children and young persons" called *Sight of Hell*, by Rev. J. Furniss, C.Ss.R. It is a detailed description of the dungeons of hell, and a few sentences may serve as an example: "See! on the middle of that red-hot floor stands a girl; she looks about sixteen years old. Her feet are bare. She has neither shoes nor stockings . . . Listen! she speaks. She says: 'I have been standing on this burning floor for years. Look at my burnt and bleeding feet. Let me go off this burning floor for one moment . . . ' The fourth dungeon is the boiling kettle . . . in the middle of it there is a boy . . . His eyes are burning like two burning coals. Two long flames come out his ears . . . But listen! there is a sound like a kettle boiling. The blood is bubbling and boiling in his head . . . The fifth dungeon is the red-hot oven . . . The little child is in this red-hot oven. Hear how it screams to come out. See how it turns and twists itself in the fire. It beats itself against the roof of the oven. It stamps its little feet on the floor . . . *God was very good to this child. Very likely God saw that it would get worse and worse, and would never repent, and would have to be punished much worse in hell. So God in his mercy called it out of the world in its early childhood.*"

This is from a quotation by Protestant Press Bureau from W. E. H. Lecky's *History of European Morals*, Vol. II, page 94.

The acts of this unholy and blasphemous organization are thus in exact accord with the horrors they have conceived God as guilty of. Is it not in keeping that the same organization should defame God's holy name and also persecute in the most fiendish manner all of His witnesses? Castration, rack, gridiron, torture chamber, in the hands of the most vicious MOBOCRACY, is what America is headed for. Let the Legion, Roosevelt, and any other who wishes, hobnob with these bloody tormentors of the righteous. Let them arm themselves in the most invincible manner. Let them conquer the earth. Let them heap up lies and sanctify war. They are certain to perish. "I will slay the last of them with the sword; he that fleeth of them shall not [escape (*R.V.*)], and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. Though they dig into hell [Sheol; that is, dig holes in the earth to shield them from the bombs of airplanes and gas attacks], thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven [take to the air in planes to escape from the trouble], thence will I bring them down; and though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel [rocky caves in the mountains], I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea [in submarine boats], thence will I command the serpent [the bringer of evil and calamity], and he shall bite them [destroy them]; and though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword [Christ, the Executioner of Jehovah's commands], and it shall slay them; and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good."—Amos 9:1-4, with brackets quoted from the *Watchtower* magazine, issue of September 1, 1940.

The stage is about ready for the last act. The religious, political and commer-

cial elements are as thick as thieves and acting with one accord. Allied with them is the "evil servant" company, those once companions of Jehovah's witnesses and now their bitterest enemies. This traitor class is doing its part to besmirch Jehovah's name and cruelly scourge the Lord's servants with the vilest falsehoods. Let this gang all get together and do their worst. The Lord will take them in His stride. "Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us."—Isaiah 8:9, 10.

Many have attempted to excuse themselves from responsibility by saying that Jehovah's witnesses are trouble-makers, hate-peddlers, and that they would not be in trouble if they would take some other course of action. Such words will not excuse them before the Lord. If the message of Jehovah causes those who hear it to riot, the fault cannot be laid upon the bearers of the message. It may not be pleasant to hear the words telling of Jehovah's vengeance, but it is worse than folly to stop the mouths of God's servants and say "all's well". Jehovah's witnesses bring the storm warning and tell, by the Lord's command, how this storm of bloodshed may be escaped. This is a friendly act, and not one of hate, as the writer in the *Saturday Evening Post* claims. To kill and persecute the watchmen-for-the-people's-safety is vicious beyond description. Let those who desire mercy at the hands of the Lord have no part therein.

A clear answer to those who claim that the witnesses are "hate provokers" is found in the *Watchtower* magazine, September 1, 1940, page 261:

The clergy today wrongfully charge Jehovah's witnesses with intolerance toward Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. The facts are

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that Jehovah's witnesses are intolerant to no one. They hold that every one has the right to freely express himself, and also that the teachings or doctrines put forth by any person or system may be properly and freely criticized. In no other way can the people learn just now which is correct. Jehovah's witnesses proclaim the truth as it is written in the Scriptures, and which God commands all his covenant people to proclaim at the present time. Those who have a desire to learn and who therefore have an ear to hear will give heed to what is published. No others will give heed.

The information submitted herein is for the same ones, 'those who desire to learn.' As for the Hierarchy and her allies who favor and promote MOBOCRACY, they are going literally to hell (the grave). (Psalm 9:17) Let no one be deceived into thinking the Hierarchy invincible because of their show of power. The Lord laughs at them and lets them keep on only until His appointed time to annihilate them and all wickedness. (Daniel 11:27) Let the honest-hearted have no part in the MOBOCRACY, which has sealed the doom of its operator, but remember the injunctions of the Lord if they desire His salvation: "Before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger."—Zephaniah 2:2, 3.

Who Incites Riots?

The Los Angeles *Examiner*, issue of October 11, 1940, tells

WHERE BLAME LIES NEW DEAL HAS FOSTERED ROWDYISM

Of course, it is unfortunate for everybody—and most unfortunate for the third-term party—that rowdyism has made its appearance in the presidential campaign.

We refer to those incidents in which a woman RFC employee tossed heavy articles at a Willkie crowd from an eighteenth-floor window, severely injuring another young woman; in which a newspaper correspondent was

gashed when a stone was hurled through a window of a Willkie campaign train; in which objects were thrown at Wendell L. Willkie himself; and in which the wife of the Republican nominee for president had her clothes spattered with egg.

President Roosevelt has expressed hope that state laws will be invoked to punish and to prevent assaults upon Mr. Willkie, and that Federal workers implicated in such misconduct will lose their jobs.

And yet—we may well inquire—whose fault is it, at bottom, if in the simple minds of some New Deal adherents and beneficiaries HOODLUMISM and LAWLESSNESS are regarded as New Deal campaign policies?

Is there not something of the spirit of LAWLESSNESS in Mr. Roosevelt's own assault upon the Supreme Court and the independence of the judiciary?

Has not the New Deal itself PREACHED and PRACTICED and CONDONED LAWLESSNESS?

Did not Mr. Roosevelt exhort Congress to SUBVERT THE CONSTITUTION, which is THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW OF THE LAND, by passing a Guffey coal bill notwithstanding any reasonable doubts as to its constitutionality?

Did not Mr. Roosevelt himself commit a LAWLESS DEED—so held in court—by arbitrarily removing a chairman of the Federal Trade Commission from office?

Have not New Deal boards and bureaus been found guilty in court of DEPRIVING CITIZENS of their rights to "DUE PROCESS OF LAW"?

Did not the New Deal, through Secretary of Labor Perkins, flagrantly flout for years the immigration and deportation laws?

Did not the New Deal encourage, and even abet, LAWLESSNESS and VIOLENCE in the "sit-down" strikes?

Is it surprising, then, that in the very region of these strikes New Deal camp followers should LAWLESSLY try to INTIMIDATE by VIOLENCE the anti-New Deal candidate for president?

But the New Deal has DONE MORE than to weaken our respect for law.

By its pernicious system of political bounties and pillage of the public treasury, and by its vicious appeals to CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS—which inevitably begets CLASS HATRED, the

New Deal has actually labored to make America MOB-MINDED.

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Among such a populace, there are bound to be MANY who believe that A MISSILE is a better political weapon than A BALLOT.

More than 600 cases fully prepared,

setting forth the evidence of mob violence against Jehovah's witnesses, have been filed with the Department of Justice, but the THIRD-TERM CANDIDATE will not permit his Attorney General Jackson to prosecute these cases. WHY? Maybe since election some action will be taken!—Elton Groves.

Edinburgh Theocratic Convention

EDINBURGH, Scotland's beautiful capital, was chosen for the second in the series of the Theocratic Convention in Britain, September 13-15, 1940. Petrol is scarce and motorcars fewer in wartime Britain, but ways and means are always found by the loyal to attend a gathering of this kind. Glasgow chartered a special train to bring 400 to the convention city. Four young men, enthused by the Manchester convention, determined to get to Edinburgh, their only means of transit being by pedal cycle. Starting from Manchester on Wednesday morning, they reached Kendal, a distance of 70 miles by nightfall. Having nowhere to sleep, they turned into a field under a tree, covered themselves with their coats and slept the sleep of the just. On the road again early Thursday morning, cycling 70 miles through rain and storm, reaching Galasheils by night, sleeping in a transport café; off again on Friday morning, doing the last 33 miles to Edinburgh in two hours and putting four hours in the service work before the convention officially started, having cycled over 200 miles.

Organization calls for efficiency, each one doing the job to which he is assigned. J. Herries McCulloch, noted Scotch novelist and columnist, writing in the *Daily Express* dated 14th September, stated:

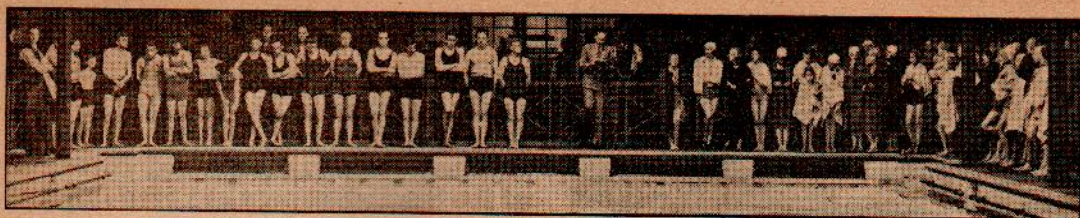
Noticing the activity outside Kingdom Hall, when I was down in Stockbridge yesterday, I walked into the building to see what was going on. The Theocratic Convention of Jehovah's

Witnesses was in process of being opened. Organizing efficiency and publicity seem to play an important part in putting this convention across. Before I could turn around I was put in touch with a Witness who attends to back-calls and the Press. He gave me the low-down on the underlying principle which has brought these enthusiastic Witnesses to the capital. While he talked I kept glancing at a huge banner which extended from one end of the hall to the other—its message was "RELIGION IS A SNARE AND A RACKET".

Saturday's meetings were held in the spacious Kingdom Hall which is used by the Edinburgh company. Its main hall seats 600 to 700 people, with adjoining offices and rooms suitable for smaller meetings, and a Pioneer Home above it housing seven full-time publishers. There are 100 pioneers working in Scotland, all of whom were present at the convention, together with many from over the border. "WANTED! MORE PIONEERS" was featured on the platform under the large banner bearing the year's text. Britain has now over 1,000 pioneers and needs more.

Following the afternoon session, 296 publishers, fully equipped with magazine bags, went out onto the streets of this proud city inviting the people to read *The Watchtower* and *Consolation*. The public had been in the habit of seeing only twelve magazine publishers on their streets at one time, and the addition of over 280 to this number created quite a stir. It was noticed that a large number

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Taking their stand for Jehovah's Kingdom. Immersion, Edinburgh convention

of motorists stopped their cars to obtain a magazine. There were 360 magazines, three books and three booklets put in circulation in the short time at the disposal of the "locusts". Magazine bags everywhere! Witnesses wearing them all the time, in the meetings and outside of them—what a wonderful means of advertising the Theocratic Government, *The Watchtower* and *Consolation* these bags are!

The highlight of Saturday's meetings was reached when A. D. Schroeder read Judge Rutherford's lecture entitled "The End". This had come too late for the Manchester convention, and was a special thrill to those assembled in Edinburgh. A letter from Judge Rutherford to A. D. Schroeder was read out on this occasion, being received with great joy, and the impression left upon the minds of those present was that a strong bond of unity existed between the American and British friends, and it was unanimously approved with a shout of "Aye" to send a cablegram to the president expressing love and loyalty to Jehovah's organization.

Sunday's meetings were held in the spacious Usher Hall, seating 3,000 and beautifully equipped for a convention of this kind. Twelve hundred brethren gathered to receive instruction and do service for the Kingdom. 1,063 publishers in the field placed 552 books, 4,940 booklets, putting in 2,519 hours of field service and placing 1,182 magazines. Sound attendance amounted to 358, and 26 back-calls were made. Territory which had been done on Saturday was again covered by some publishers on Sunday; and while

one person threatened to call the police if this daily visiting continued, five publishers placed twelve bound books, as well as booklets and magazines, and found good interest.

Special points noted in the speech given by J. Hemery on Sunday afternoon were: That Jehovah's people need spiritual sustenance and need to study at this time more than ever; that the "perilous times" which had come did not refer to the bombing by the hordes of Hitler, but did refer to the increasing attack on Jehovah's witnesses by the religionists; that the winding up of this world's order would find no scripture left unfulfilled; that demonized Germany had commenced its "Blitzkrieg" against Britain, but God would soon start His "Blitzkrieg" at Armageddon.

A. D. Schroeder's address, which followed, had as its main points the need of a clear vision in order to remain in God's organization and the fact that the gathering of the great "multitude" must continue; that cleanliness of speech and body and the putting away of such things as smoking are not religion, but the proper attitude of Jehovah's witnesses toward their Creator, and that obedience to our "mother" was not for the purpose of serving any man, but to the honor of God. Both these speeches were heartily appreciated by those assembled.

Publishers taking part in the songs and declarations feature of the convention gave many interesting experiences, among which were the following: One lady, who said she always took the books when called upon, had visited Germany, Russia and Spain making a special study



of their political and economic conditions, and was convinced of the failure of those systems, was unable to understand the truth until a model study was started in her house—she needed the Witnesses to help her take her stand. Another, who said she had got the truth in 1918, had her greatest joy in 1940, her husband and daughter accepting the truth and her son and his wife coming along. Another taking advantage of every opportunity, while traveling by train, spoke to a girl in the carriage, who turned out to be a Roman Catholic, accepted the message, abandoned the Roman Catholic church and became a full-time pioneer—all within the space of three months.

The need for conducting model studies had so impressed one of the publishers that, when he was asked to take a sick sister to the hospital from the convention and was accompanied by an Air Raid Precaution worker attached to Usher Hall, while waiting for the sister to be treated in hospital he opened up a model study in his car with this A.R.P. worker, she asking the questions at the end of the *Salvation* book and he answering them from the Scriptures. After an hour of this she obtained the *Salvation* book and promised to attend the evening lecture. Meanwhile the sick sister had left the hospital and returned to the convention.

Sunday's highspot was Judge Rutherford's lecture "Religion as a World Remedy". Over 1,500 people listened to this with keen attention. One young man was so enthused as the lecture progressed that he could not refrain from commenting upon it to a lady seated by his side,

who turned out to be a Roman Catholic but caught some of his enthusiasm and obtained from him a *Religion* book, giving this young fellow one of the greatest joys of his life.

It has to be acknowledged that some of the Scottish papers had been fairer in their treatment of Jehovah's witnesses than many others in various parts of Britain. They gave the convention a square deal. Reporters were sent from these papers to interview officials of the convention, special mention being made of *The Scottish Daily Express*, enjoying the largest circulation of any daily paper in Scotland, *The Scotsman*, the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* and *The Evening News*, and the *Glasgow Herald*, *The Daily Express* and *The Bulletin* carrying good photographs of the immersion service held in the Glenogle baths, at which 61 of Jehovah's witnesses were immersed. The *Daily Express* staff reporter said:



A bonnie lass with a bonnie message

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I expected to find flowing beards and locks, long robes, mystic signs and incantations among these followers of the American Judge Rutherford, the opponent of present-day religion. Instead, I found a group of normal-looking men, women and children in colored bathing suits. Some of the younger women wore brief, fashionable two-piece costumes. Many men and women lined up on the opposite side of the baths filed into the water, were grasped expertly by smiling young men and lowered backwards until they were completely under water. This baptism means only that those who undergo it are giving an outward manifestation of their acceptance of God.

These newspapers carried splendid "write-ups" of the convention and gave a fair report of its proceedings, the aims and objects of the Society, and the answer to the Society's critics.

The convention ended with the conviction firmly fixed in the minds of those attending of the near approach of the time when "they shall say, Peace and

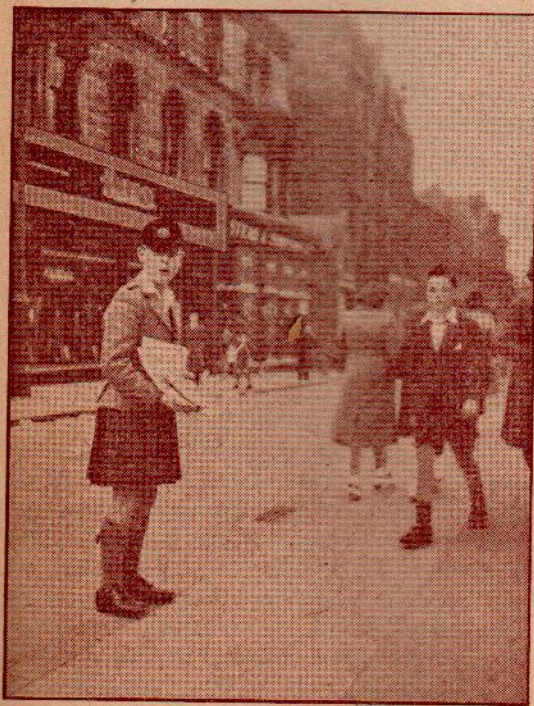


Braw magazine lads at Edinburgh convention

safety", the sign that Armageddon will begin. The conventioners trooped out of the brightly lit Usher Hall into the black-out conditions of wartime Britain, but a full moon, which could not be blacked out, helped many on their homeward journey through the night to distant parts.—E. J. Guiver.

Law-abiding

Some policemen, sheriffs and other public officers think they have the right to interfere with Jehovah's witnesses preaching the gospel by presenting to the people the printed message and receiving from them a contribution. In this they are wrong. The Supreme Court of the United States in several cases has decided that Jehovah's witnesses are acting entirely lawfully in preaching the gospel in this manner. Atlantic City ignored those decisions. United States District Court of New Jersey has issued an Injunction against them, restraining Atlantic City, its officers, agents, servants and employees from enforcing or applying against Jehovah's witnesses any ordinance or law or arresting or imprisoning or prosecuting them for carrying on their work in distributing literature



A Highland Laddie Theocratic publisher

as above mentioned. A copy of that Opinion appears below:

A TRUE COPY:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
Civil Action No. 1013.

Mitchell Dallas, Peter Butrus, Edith Sellers, Francis Belmont, Charles Jenkins, Jack Hardy, Helen Yourinko, and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc., a New York corporation,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

City of Atlantic City, a municipal corporation, Thomas D. Taggart, Jr., James McMennamin, William S. Cuthbert, and Albert Shahadi,
Defendants.

DECREE FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION

At Trenton, in said district on the 11th day of October, 1940,

This proceeding coming on for hearing for decree for permanent injunction in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendants, and upon the pleadings as filed and amended by order of the court; and it appearing that the allegations in the complaint, as amended, are admitted by the defendants, and that no answer has been filed by any of said defendants within the time limited by the rules of this court; and it further appearing that due notice of the application for entry of this decree has been given to the defendants herein; and the Court, upon the proceedings had herein, being satisfied that the defendants under color of law are acting unlawfully and are depriving the individual plaintiffs and other Jehovah's witnesses of their civil rights of freedom of press and freedom of worshiping God according to the dictates of their consciences;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Abram Waks, attorney for the plaintiffs herein, it is

ORDERED that the defendants, their officers, agents, servants and employees be and they are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from enforcing and applying against the plaintiffs and other Jehovah's witnesses ordinance No. 17 of the year 1917 of the City of Atlantic City as amended by ordinance No. 26 of the year 1937 of said city, or any

existing ordinance amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, and from arresting, imprisoning and prosecuting said plaintiffs and other Jehovah's witnesses under said ordinances by reason of the lawful conduct of said plaintiffs and other Jehovah's witnesses in distributing, disseminating and selling the magazines, periodicals and pamphlets connected with their faith on the streets or highways of Atlantic City.

And it is further ORDERED that the plaintiffs are entitled to costs to be taxed against the defendants.

[signed] FORMAN
U. S. D. J.

I hereby consent to the entry of the within decree.

[signed] SAMUEL BACKER
Attorney for defendants.



"Not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"
Theocratic publisher at Edinburg convention

Amid Ravening Wolves

◆ Writing in the Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune*, H. R. Hewitt wants to know when any of Jehovah's witnesses have disturbed or broken up other people's meetings; and, of course, there is no answer—except to remember the words of the Lord to His own disciples, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."—Matthew 10:16.

(To be continued)

The Castor Oil Legion

IF THE United States of America had a patriotic organization of half a million men devoted to the perpetuation of the principles which actuated Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Lincoln, such an organization would be of priceless value to the American people at this critical time, when the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is taking over the country; but when an organization conceived in a spirit of Fascism allies itself with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, takes orders from the Hierarchy and devotes its energies to the destruction of American ideals and American institutions, claiming all the time to be one-hundred-percent American in everything it does, it is high time the American people knew the facts.

Among the notable financiers who organized the American Legion, several have been sent to the penitentiary for fraud and conspiracy. The history of Swift & Company reeks with fraud. They had a big hand in organizing the Legion. One of the principal organizers of the Legion, a man worth thirty million dollars, said he was willing to spend half of his pile to save the other half. The commander of the Legion in 1923, Alvin Owsley, made the threat of treating the citizens of the United States as the Fascisti treated the citizens of Italy.

Evidence at hand shows a conspiracy in many places to turn Jehovah's witnesses over to American Legion mobs, which mobs are directed and controlled by Roman Catholic priests. Such a mob was organized in Richwood, West Virginia, June 28, 1940. American citizens proceeding with their rights to secure signers to a petition for freedom of assembly, freedom of worship and freedom of the press were arrested by state police, taken to police headquarters, and there were turned over to the American Legion for such mob action as the American Legion saw fit. The right of a trial was refused. The police stated that there

would be no trial and that the American Legion would proceed summarily. A mob of about 260 collected, and seized books, phonograph records and reports.

The police called the priest and in very profane language told him they had three of the witnesses, and others were being rounded up. One of the police hit one of the witnesses twice because he quoted Scripture. The witnesses, eventually nine in number, were roped together like cattle. A doctor came in with a stomach pump and nine eight-ounce bottles of castor oil. The mob seized the witnesses, five of them holding one man, and compelled four of these innocent men to drink the castor oil.

Still roped together the witnesses were led through the town, where they were abused by the American Legion leaders. They were then marched out of town and compelled, in doing so, to carry all their belongings. A mob of 2,000 people lined the way. An American Legion spokesman falsely told the crowd that these innocent men were Communists, but truly told them that they put the great Jehovah God above any flag. He also threatened that if anyone in the crowd showed sympathy for these suffering Christian men he would be roped in the same group. The mob followed for a mile and a half shouting insulting expressions like "Heil Hitler", "Hitler spies—beware!" "Fifth Column—beware!"

The way in which this conspiracy between the police, the Catholic priests and the American Legion was carried out shows that here are three elements under the control of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy whose aim is to place all Americans under the control of the pope regardless of what happens to American institutions. Certainly every order-loving resident of America can say, "Shame on such police! shame on the shameless Hierarchy! and shame on the un-American Legion!"

Railroads and Steamships

Minding Their Business

◆ The people of Clydeside, Scotland, have learned the great art of minding their own business and keeping their mouths shut. They knew that the 86,000-ton super-liner of the seas Queen Elizabeth had disappeared from the place where it was built, but because they knew that in wartime careless talk costs lives none of them said anything about it. Probably some suspected that the \$28,750,000 liner was being sent to New York for safety, but they kept still about it and it was good that they did. The beautiful vessel zigzagged her way across the Atlantic, saw no vessel of any kind on the way, and poked her nose into New York harbor safe and sound. She is 1,031 feet long, and the men who brought her believe she will sometime lower the record of her little sister the Queen Mary, which made the Atlantic crossing in 3 days 21 hours 48 minutes. The little sister is not so little, only twelve feet shorter than the "Elizabeth".

Second-Class Pullmans

◆ A new type of second-class Pullmans is being constructed that seems to have some good possibilities. The cars will have a side corridor and ten compartments. In five of the compartments there will be room for six passengers each, with upper, middle and lower berths, and in the other five compartments there will be room for three passengers, each with upper, middle and lower berths. The plan is to make a very moderate charge; and if this principle is adhered to the new cars will be a success. Each compartment will have a folding wash basin and hot and cold water, mirrors, etc.

Railroads Are Efficient

◆ In a little leaflet entitled "Railroads Can Do the Job" the railroads point out that in 1918 the average freight car could carry 42 tons, but now it carries 50 tons. The engines now have 43-percent more

pulling power than they had then, and they look it. The freight trains move 64-percent faster now than they did then. The result of all this is that the railroad efficiency is more than doubled, because now there are 32,150 ton-miles per freight-train hour as against 14,877 ton-miles in 1920. Since 1920 freight cars may not be used as warehouses.

Half a Ship Reaches Scotland

◆ Somewhere off the British isles a torpedo blew off the front half of a ship and that portion disappeared beneath the waves. British seamen remaining on the vessel steered what was left of their ship to Scotland. They made 100 miles in ten days and made one more record of skill and pluck that no real man could fail to appreciate. For some reason this particular kind of manhood makes a greater appeal than the Nazi brand, which finds such perfect expression in abuse and torture of helpless prisoners in concentration camps.

Blimp Rescues at Sea

◆ Off New Jersey blimp rescues have taken place, experimentally. In one experiment the blimp lowered a rubber lifeboat from a height of 100 feet, a sailor climbed from another boat to the rubber lifeboat and was lifted to the blimp; then the procedure was reversed, and he was landed back where he started. Then a rope ladder was dropped from the blimp and a sailor climbed up and climbed back. It seems as if, in some weathers, this form of rescue has some possibilities.

Russia's Six-Year Labor Service

◆ A million Russian boys every year will hereafter be drafted for state labor service and must each serve six years. The first two years will be devoted to their training in specially created industrial schools, and the next four years to work in state-operated enterprises.

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The Ill-led Russian Army

◆ The Russians have plenty of artillery, but it is "mishandled" and the marksmanship is poor. The Russian soldiers are not suitably equipped for the climate; many of them limp on frozen feet. The organization of attack is reported as "second-rate". Costly errors, such as tank assaults against impossible obstacles, are repeated blindly.

Finnish officers attribute this chiefly to Stalin's purges. It has been estimated that out of the entire Russian command above the rank of major only 20 percent are left; the rest are dead or banished to Siberia. Their technical knowledge, their training, their organizing ability, their leadership, are buried with them and gone for ever. Those who remain are said to be afraid to accept responsibility, uncertain in attack, hesitant in retreat. Apparently this demoralization reflects itself in the lower ranks and throughout the service of supply which must back up the fighting forces. All the well-fed political commissars in the world cannot make up for the officer-victims of the Red firing squads. A man of steel may purge his way to power in time of peace. It is another matter to purge one's way to victory in time of war.—*New York Times*.

Murdered Too Many

◆ Stalin and his gang murdered too many of their own men. Determined to be Russia's czar in everything but name, and perhaps even in that, Stalin did not show the brains of one. Out of 754 high army officers he had 349 put to death in the purges of 1939, and the ones that remained were the least competent, because they contained the boasters and the lickspittles. As a consequence, military men the world over now have little fears of anything from Russia except bluffs. Little Finland's fight completely changed the plans of Britain.

"Peaceful Occupation" of Rumania

◆ Week by week the dictators get more and more beastly. A new record was made by Stalin when he demanded immediate surrender of Bessarabia from Rumania. The demand was complied with on the instant, but the new-style hero was not satisfied with that, but fired on the evacuating army, killing and wounding whole trainloads just for the sheer fun of the thing. Russia also terrorized the Rumanians with the new baby tanks brought to the scene with huge airplanes. All hail to the Creator's purpose to obliterate all such beastly murderers in the impending battle of Armageddon! The earth will have no peace until that is done, and only He, the eternal and almighty God, Jehovah, can do it.

Cynical Russia

◆ Hitler scolding at Austria, or Czechoslovakia, or Poland, or Norway, or any other country he has grabbed recently, could not have surpassed the cynicism of Russia in scolding at Lithuania and pretending that it was necessary to grab the country in order to prevent it from torturing Russian soldiers, plotting an open attack on the Russian army and kidnapping and murdering Soviet soldiers. One can almost hear the Russian sons of the Devil laugh while they were drawing up the fanciful charges.

Licking Stalin's Boots

◆ On the day that Stalin's sixtieth birthday was celebrated the leading Soviet paper, *Pravda*, which name means "Truth", had on its back page one column of news of every kind while the remaining seventy-one columns of the paper were devoted to Stalin praise and propaganda. The editor of *Pravda* probably debated long whether he would dare put in a whole column about other events in the world when it was his particular job to lick the boots of the "great" Stalin.

Rocky Mountain States

The Bill of Rights

◆ The Bill of Rights is as important to you now as it was to the men and women of 148 years ago. Because of it you are free—free to belong to any church you please, or to none; free to speak or print or write your opinions; free to complain against and to the government; free from unreasonable search and seizure of your home, your property and your person; free from arbitrary, cruel or unusual punishment; free to demand a prompt and public jury trial if you are accused of crime; free to own property which not even the government can take from you save by due process of law and with just compensation.

But these freedoms are not for you alone. They belong to all, and all must be permitted to use them or none can long have them. That is what we must remember today, when freedom is denied or restrained in many other countries and when in our own country doctrines hateful to the majority are being preached by minorities.

Even those who despise the Bill of Rights, even those who would destroy it if they came to power, are entitled to its protection. For denying freedom to them would be the first step toward denying freedom to you.—*Rocky Mountain News*.

"Kangaroo" Courts

◆ "Kangaroo" courts or mock courts held in prisons or jails are merely a device by which lazy, incompetent, shiftless, good-for-nothing "officials" get out of their own proper work by placing it in the hands of the lowest, meanest, most vicious stool-pigeons in their care. Such prisoners have been permitted to fine other prisoners, order them to perform distasteful tasks, and inflict punishment upon them, all illegally but none the less real. In Denver they killed a 16-year-old boy, and other ill-governed cities are involved. The Department of Justice may

and should bring criminal proceedings against every official that permits such atrocities to the prisoners in his care.

Salmon Industry Is Saved

◆ Many feared that the building of the Bonneville dam in the Columbia river would put an end to the salmon fishing; but the fears have proved groundless, for the fish are climbing the 1,200 concrete fish ladders made by man, and seem to like it. The jumps in the ladders are only a foot high, and the big forty-pounders that used to leap the seventy-foot Cascade Rapids find it no job at all to swim right up; they don't even bother to jump at all. All the fishermen up stream report that the fish arrive at the headwaters in better condition than when they used to have to make the big leap to get back home.

Apple Growers Hit by War

◆ American apple growers were hit hard by the war, because Britain and France decided they could get along without the \$16,000,000 worth of apples and pears usually taken by the two countries. Now it happens that in the state of Washington the growing of apples is the third largest industry in the state and Washington fruit growers just do not see how they can get along without the foreign market to which they are accustomed. The growers appealed to American Labor (A.F. of L.) to buy 4,000,000 boxes (6,000 carloads) and help them in their predicament.

The New Carlsbad Cavern

◆ The new Carlsbad cavern, recently found in New Mexico, may be an extension of the older one, but, in any event, it is one of the largest in the world. One chamber is described as 700 feet wide, three miles long, and with a ceiling so high that it could not be discerned even with the aid of powerful searchlights.

Speed

CONSOLATION, usually so well informed, has it all wrong when it reports that the fastest speed ever accomplished by a human creature was that of 670 miles an hour, performed by Lieutenant Troy Keith when his plane fell four miles to the earth. You call THAT fast?

I have done over a thousand miles an hour inside this very room in which I am now sitting. That means that at the same speed the distance from here, Bombay, to there, New York, a distance of thirteen thousand miles as the crow flies, would take twelve hours; and the earth could be circuited at the equator in twenty-four hours. But wait a minute, I have not started yet.

I do not call that fast, either. I have traveled on a moving vehicle going at a speed of 68,000 miles an hour; and slept soundly during the journey, too! Let me see, at that rate it would take only three months to travel from here to the sun, a distance of 93,000,000 miles. This is considerably faster than my 1,000 miles an hour; but there is more to follow.

To understand my next you must imagine a man running at ten miles an hour on the roof of a train traveling at sixty miles an hour. It is obvious that the total speed of the man would be seventy miles an hour. Well, it was like that on the vehicle just mentioned that was doing 68,000 miles an hour. That speed was relative to another vehicle that was itself doing 43,000 miles an hour, making a total of 111,000 miles an hour. Speeding up, aren't we!

I have nearly finished. To this last total you may add the 1,000 miles an hour first mentioned, bringing the grand total up to 112,000 miles an hour. THAT is the fastest speed that man has ever traveled, not 670 miles an hour.

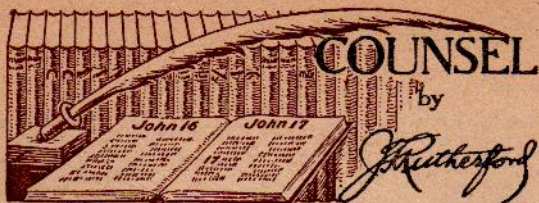
How did I do it? Easy! I just sat at home in this chair and let the Solar System do the rest. This earth turns at a surface speed of 1,000 miles an hour; the

earth speeds around the sun at 68,000 miles an hour; and the sun, the "hub" of the Solar System "wheel", is rushing towards the constellation Hercules at 43,000 miles an hour. So on favorable occasions the sum of these is our speed, the aforementioned 112,000 miles an hour.

That is the greatest speed that any human creature has traveled, but it is not by any means fast. Light rays and radio waves travel at the speed of 670,000,000 miles an hour, or six thousand times as fast; which makes our speeds look sick.

If the seat of Jehovah's Universal Government is anywhere near to the center, then spirit creatures must travel at speeds far exceeding that of light. In Job 1:6,7 we read, "There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord. . . . And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth." How long did it take that spirit creature to do that return journey? Unless he traveled considerably faster than light, or unless the seat of Government is remarkably near to this earth, it would have taken him thousands of years or more. It is reasonable to presume that light, very fast to our way of thinking, is slow to them. They pass it by with the air that travelers on transcontinental trains adopt when overtaking the slow suburban.

The fact remains that speed is a relative thing, and whilst we may be sure that Lieutenant Troy Keith thought he was going very fast when his plane fell those four miles towards the earth, yet actually he may have been traveling in the direction exactly opposite to what he thought he was, according to which direction the earth at that moment was speeding through space, and his fall to earth causing him to go much slower than the rest of us.—C. S. Goodman, India.



The Mimic of Theocracy

IN THESE final days a monstrosity appears in the earth, and claims the right to rule the world, and to regiment the people. It is called the "corporate state" or "totalitarian rule". The ruling power is centered in a dictator, and all the people are commanded to be subject to that dictator. Such totalitarian rule is against the Most High and against His kingdom and is brought forth as a counterfeit of His kingdom. It is the attempt of the great enemy of mankind to mimic the government of the Most High and to bring reproach upon His name and to turn the people away from Him and into destruction, in order that the enemy, the Devil, may succeed in carrying out his original wicked challenge to the Almighty God. That monstrosity is made up of extremely selfish rulers, such as Fascists, Nazis, Communists and the leading religionists, of which the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is chief. Note now the apparent likeness between the monstrosity and the kingdom of God, which the monstrosity tries to counterfeit.

He who rules over all is God, the Supreme One, hence Jehovah is called and is the great "Theocrat", in whom reside all power and authority. Christ Jesus, whom He has appointed King, is Jehovah's officer, the administrator of His Theocratic government. On the earth following the approaching battle of Armageddon will be the visible representatives of Christ Jesus during His reign, to wit, the faithful men of old, raised from the dead, such as Abel, Abraham, David, and others specifically named in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. To that Theocratic government under Christ Jesus all the people must be fully obe-

dient if they would live, and none will be permitted to live except those who render themselves in obedience to that government. The Theocratic Government will be wholly and entirely righteous and will establish lasting peace, prosperity, joy and happiness and give life everlasting to all obedient ones on the earth.

The monstrosity, the counterfeit and product of the Devil, is, as viewed from the earth: Government or governments ruled by an arbitrary dictator to whom all the people are required to give allegiance and full obedience, and all the people are regimented and directed as to what they may or may not do, and the dictator's word is law. Furthermore, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the great religious institution of the earth, claims the right and authority to rule the earth as the vicegerent or representative of Christ, to occupy the place over the dictatorial government as a spiritual overlord. Back of all this is the Devil himself, who claims to be equal to or superior to Jehovah God, The Theocrat. The monstrosity is entirely unrighteous, extremely wicked, and brings upon the people strife, war, suffering and ultimately everlasting death. The monstrosity claims to have authority to bring about peace and prosperity and induces the people to believe that a fact. Thus it is seen that the monstrosity, or mimic government, is this: The Devil assumes the place of Jehovah God; the Roman Catholic Hierarchy assumes the place of Christ Jesus the King, and the dictators of earth assume the place of the faithful men who shall be the princes in the earth. —Ps. 45:16.

The monstrosity, therefore, is a counterfeit of God's kingdom and a mockery of God, and the means of working great deception upon the people. There is a deadly conflict, therefore, between the Theocratic government of Jehovah under Christ and the monstrosity or dictatorial government brought forth by the Devil.

The Lord Jesus foretold that the monstrosity would come forward at the time

of the second coming of Christ Jesus and His kingdom. The indisputable facts show that exactly that thing has come to pass. Facts and fulfilled prophecies agree that in A.D. 1918 the heavenly King Christ Jesus came to the spiritual temple of Jehovah and gathered to himself those men and women on earth who at that time had proved faithful as witnesses to God. It was about the same time that the League of Nations was formed, the announced purpose of which was to rule the world and establish lasting peace and prosperity, and which League the clergy of the earth declared must rule as the representative of Christ. The League of Nations was in fact brought forth to blind the people and for a time was used by the Devil to pave the way for his dictatorial, totalitarian, monstrous rule. God had declared through His prophet that the League of Nations would be formed and would fail, and, of course, the Devil knew that fact. (Read Isaiah 8: 9, 10.) The Devil then saw to it that the totalitarian monstrosity arose in Italy under the name of Fascism, and later in Germany under the name of Nazism; in Russia it appears under the name of Communism; and now it practically dominates Europe. The dictators perform the political duties, and in this they are supported by the traffickers; and the great religious institution, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, acts as a spiritual super-power or overlord. Thus Fascism, Nazism, Communism and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, political and religious powers, operate together and together constitute the great monstrosity, which is anti-God and anti-God's kingdom under Christ. Thus it is seen that religion is the tie that binds together the political and other elements; and that religion, as well as this entire monstrosity, is the invention of the Devil is clearly proved by the Holy Scriptures.

As further evidence that the monstrosity is against God and Christ and His kingdom, the Hierarchy and their Fascistic-Nazi allies join together in a wick-

ed persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, because these proclaim the truth concerning the great Theocracy. The combination forming the monstrosity exactly fits the description given to it by Jesus, to wit, "the abomination of desolation," which abomination was foretold by the prophet at Daniel 11: 31 and 12: 11. The kingdom of God under Christ is here. It is the only rightful rule of the world. Anything against or in opposition to that Theocratic government is an abomination in the sight of Almighty God.

The fact that the monstrosity claims the right to rule the world in the place and stead of Christ Jesus is conclusive proof that it does "stand in the holy place", "where it ought not" to stand, and where it has no right to stand. Therefore the present is the time when the people must be warned as the Lord Jesus commands. His warning is given in these words: "When ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judæa flee to the mountains; . . . For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be."—Mark 13: 14, 19.

This warning Jesus gives specifically that people who are of good-will toward God and His kingdom of righteousness may have an opportunity to flee from the monstrosity and find refuge, safety and complete protection under Christ the King. Millions are held in religious organizations. To them the warning must be sounded, that they may flee from such organizations to the Lord's kingdom. Also the warning must be sounded in the hearing of the religious leaders, that they may know that Jehovah is the only true God and that they may have no excuse whatsoever to oppose His kingdom, which is now here. Those who heed the warning will not be destroyed with the mimic of Theocracy.

What the Gamblers Prefer

◆ Figures collected by the Gallup Poll show that 53 percent of the American people gamble habitually. The preferences of those who gamble, in the order and in the percentages in which they like to take their financial risks, are as follows: Church lotteries, 19 percent; punch boards, 17 percent; slot machines, 15 percent; playing cards, 14 percent; betting on elections, 13 percent; sweepstake tickets, 9 percent; betting on horses, 7 percent; and numbers games, 6 percent. So, if you are one of the many Americans that love to gamble, and you want to be in style, you should go in for religious gambling. It's more—er—religious.

All You Owe Is \$1,230

◆ All you owe, if you have only your due share of public and private debts, is a mere bagatelle of \$1,230, so Washington says. That means that if you have a family of 5, and own a home worth \$5,500 and a car worth \$650, you could look your debtor straight in the face and go out in the world without a cent in your pocket and feel that you have squared your account and are ready for interment as soon as you have accumulated the price of a lot in the cemetery and the cost of grave-digging and other incidentals thereto attached.

Studies in Longevity

◆ Studies in longevity by Raymond Pearl, noted biologist of Johns Hopkins University, show that much smoking impairs longevity much, little smoking impairs longevity some, and the same goes for the use of alcohol. Hard work before forty harms no one, but hard work after forty cuts down longevity. The best chance for longevity is had by those whose parents lived to be nonagenarians. In other words: "The studies indicate that to attain to ripe old age one must start from 'a pretty good egg'."

The Decade of Hypocrisy

◆ Good-bye to the dirty thirties! They began in world-wide depression; they end in war. Between came tiger-pounces on the weak, sophisticated slaughter and the game, played by statesmen and deluded idealists, of calling things the opposite. The decade saw the climax of political rackets masquerading as ideologies—preaching one aim and practicing another. In the 1930's the strong were not heroic, the victors never generous; liberals swallowed totalitarian nostrums, and compassion for the persecuted rarely passed beyond words. It was a decade of gigantic, crude swindle—cynical, brutal, disillusioning. History will deplore the decade, and mankind will be ashamed of it.—Upton Close in "1930-1940, Decade of Deceit".

Ups and Downs of Population

◆ Between the 1930 and 1940 censuses New York city gained 449,813, and is now a city of 7,380,259 inhabitants; Baltimore gained 49,270, and is now 854,144; New Orleans gained 33,520, and is now 492,282; Chicago increased 8,118, to 2,384,556; Cincinnati, 16,692, to 452,282; Kansas City, 429, to 400,175; Detroit, 49,887, to 1,618,549; Milwaukee, 11,309, to 589,558; Minneapolis, 25,620, to 489,971. For some strange reason Philadelphia dropped off 15,875, to 1,935,086; St. Louis dropped off 8,212, to 813,748; and Pittsburgh dropped off 4,433, to 665,384. Probably the automobile has led many thousands to seek the country for home sites.

Was the World Ever Worse?

◆ According to the "Chicago Defender", self-styled "World's Greatest Weekly", Evangeline Booth, general of the "Salvation Army", made the following statement: "In my opinion the world is a better world than it has ever been in any previous era known to historians."—J. W. Williams, Lithuania.

Surgery

43 Years Without a Swallow

◆ I read an article in *Consolation* No. 500 which deeply impressed me. It was, "Thomas can swallow again." I myself had that same misfortune. I drank caustic soda before I was two years of age. It ate the coating and lining out of my stomach, also my throat, which caused it to heal shut. I was put in the University of Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, and there operated on. An opening was made on the outside of my stomach and the stomach was then sewed to the outside wall. A rubber tube or catheter is put in and I feed myself through that. All efforts to make me swallow have been in vain. I am not able to swallow even one drop of water by the mouth or throat, but, by the Lord's grace, I am very healthy and have lived this way for 43 years. Have raised a family of seven strong, healthy children, ranging from 6 to 22 years of age, and, besides, Jehovah has graciously shown us His light and we are having a small part in the vindication of His great and holy name. I could write a book of my experiences, but I am of no importance. Declaring Jehovah's vengeance is of greatest importance.—A Jonadab, Mrs. Sylvester Gross, Pennsylvania.

Severed Blood Vessels

◆ Severed blood vessels, it is now anticipated, will be mended by sliding into the arteries rods of sugar covered with an oil lotion. These rods serve as a darning egg, and, when the clamps are removed, dissolve and disappear in the blood stream, so it is claimed, in fifteen seconds. The inventor is a young man still studying medicine.

The Boy with Upside-down Vision

◆ In normal vision the retina of the human eye receives images upside down and these are reversed by nerve centers at the back of the brain. In Chicago

Richard Kenealy, nine-year-old boy, saw moving things upside down, locomotives, playmates and other things. The trouble was diagnosed as delayed action in the nerves attached to his right eye, and by wearing glasses with one opaque lens, and frequently shifting the lens from one eye to the other, the difficulty was corrected and now Richard sees everything right side up like other boys.

The Mending of a Heart

◆ In New York city a housewife in moving a boarder's things accidentally shot herself through the heart with his revolver. She was rushed to a hospital, her left breast was cut around, four ribs were cut away, the heart was lifted out, three stitches were taken, one of the attending physicians in the great emergency gave a quart of his blood for transfusion, and today the woman lives and smiles gaily over what happened to her in the busiest 23 minutes of her life.

Shrapnel Wandered Twenty-two Years

◆ In 1917 Martin Stravato, serving in the Italian infantry in Africa, was hit by a piece of shrapnel from a German shell. The piece entered his back, was not found, and started to travel. Toward the close of 1939 Stravato went to a physician in Troy, New York, to find out what was wrong with his left wrist. The doctor opened the wrist and took out a piece of shrapnel 1½ inches long.

Joan's Cough Was Cured

◆ Two-year-old Joan Gallagher, Little Falls, New Jersey, had coughed for six months. Her tonsils were removed; that did not seem to help. Then Joan was X-rayed and taken to a Philadelphia hospital, and there the surgeons removed a safety pin, and the cough went with it. After a little bit Joan will learn that while safety pins are bright and sparkling, they are not such good diet.



Partners in Racketeering

Annunciation Church
4697 West 130th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

September 18, 1940

Dear Friends:

Due to the impassable condition of West 130th Street, we are having our **Bingo** games at Banater Hall - 11956 Lorain Avenue, starting next Sunday, September 22nd at 3:30. The West Cleveland Post #301 have been kind enough to give us the hall on Sunday afternoons. They have a **Bingo** game every night including Sunday night but generously allowed us the use of the hall on Sunday afternoons because they wanted to help in a good cause. We appreciate their generosity. We will be in a very bad way without some extra money.

We owe the Sisters of St. Joseph \$6,000.00 - the Central National Bank \$80,000.00 - the City \$850.00 for water - not to mention other bills that we must cut down. We hope to do this with the additional help that the **Bingo** brings.

We are still running our Sweepstakes - \$1100.00 for a dime. The next drawing will be at Banater Hall on September 29th. The summer months have been tough but as Rockne used to say, "When things are tough - you must get tougher."

We hope to see you next Sunday or some other Sunday in the near future. How do you think we are going to send you letters if we don't get some of your dough. As the bug said when he hit the windshield - "I won't have the guts to do that again" neither will we unless you help us.

Bring your mother-in-law and get in good with the old lady.

Sincerely,

Father Kelly
Father Thoms

TIME 3:30 Every Sunday Beginning September 22
PLACE - Banater Hall - 11956 Lorain Avenue

Bingo is illegal in Ohio, and just as illegal for the American Legion (West Cleveland Post 301) as it is for "Father" Kelly, "Father" Thoms or any racketeer.

Two More "Baby Jesuses"

◆ Around Christmas time there is always a flock of new "baby Jesuses". Makes it seem like old home week or something. But unfortunately none of these people that see "baby Jesuses" can see a single "baby Jesus", even in their own neighborhood, without wanting to get something for it. That is a strange philosophy, to see a "baby Jesus" and

then want somebody else to pay for it. Here is the "Very Reverend Father" Albert, O.M.C., Mount Saint Francis, Indiana. In his Christmas letter a while back are eight paragraphs. He saw "the Newborn Savior", in the first paragraph, but when he got down to the fifth one he was asking for anything from \$1 to \$25 a head, with the suggestion that a few might come across with \$500 apiece. Elsewhere in the advertising matter, peddling magazines, pictures, mass diplomas and other like tripe, he was careful (in three places) to get either "the infant Jesus" or "the Christ-child" in the headline or in the first paragraph. In these days, if you want to sell something, it is best to hire an "infant Jesus", a "baby Jesus", a "Christ-child", or something of the kind, to help you out. People will buy stuff from a "baby Jesus" that they would never think of buying from you yourself.

Also, there is the "Very Reverend Father" B. Greifenberg, M.S.C., Sacred Heart Monastery, Aurora, Illinois. He did not ask for money right out. What he said was: "Is there still room on your Christmas list for just one more present, a gift to the Infant Jesus whose birthday we are about to celebrate? . . . May your Christmas gift to the Infant Jesus be a liberal one."

He did not say how he would get this to him. But you do not need to worry about that. You just pay the man, and trust him to handle the cash all right. He may take a flier in the market with your money, but even if he loses he can ask the "Infant Jesus" to forgive him, and the "Infant Jesus" will. He may cry a few minutes, but he will get over it. Infants are very forgiving, if they are treated even halfway white.

Readers will recall that in No. 553, the Hierarchy's picture of "Purgatory" shows Jesus as still a babe in Mary's arms, while she is running the entire works. How nauseating, that racketeers may still peddle such miserable lies!

(To be continued)

The Chaplain Racket

IN ORDER to be up-to-date in my knowledge of the chaplain farce in the United States army, I addressed a letter to the War Department asking it to send me literature on the subject. I received a large pamphlet called "The Chaplain", telling how to become a chaplain, rules for the government of chaplains, the churches eligible to furnish chaplains, and other information. Also a letter signed "H. A. Rinand, Chaplain, U. S. Army Executive." I wrote a friend in Washington to ascertain whether the Rev. Rinand was a Catholic. I was told that he is a Lutheran. However, I learned that the "big shot" of army chaplains is a Catholic priest named Arnold. The pamphlet I received failed to give the information I mostly wanted—the number of chaplains according to the different churches. I also learned from Washington that these are apportioned according to the membership of the denominations throughout the country. This would always work in favor of the Catholic church, which counts as members all who have been baptized, whether they go to church now or not.

Few remember that the first attempts to thrust the chaplain humbug upon the government met with strong opposition. James Madison wrote: "It was not with my approbation that the deviation from it took place in Congress, when they appointed chaplains, to be paid from the public treasury. . . . As the precedent is not likely to be rescinded, the best that can now be done may be to apply to the Constitution the maxim of the law, 'De minimum non curat' (No notice is taken of trifles). But trifles become a precedent, and are the foundation for bigger things."

Yet, until a few years ago, there was great opposition to the employment of chaplains. On December 27, 1839, a heated debate was held in the House on the subject. Congressman Cooper said, "I

ask gentlemen to put their hands on the authority by which they would take the money of their constituents and pay it over to a chaplain. Tell me, where is your authority for appropriating the money of the people in that way?" Congressman Rice Garland said, "There is a regular system of electioneering for the office of chaplain, and the general inquiry is, 'Does he make short prayers?' Besides, while the chaplain is making his morning prayers, a large proportion of the members are reading newspapers, or walking about the hall. In fact, the service is nothing but a solemn farce."

On December 7, 1840, Congressman Cooper asked permission to offer a bill abolishing the salary of chaplains. He was refused, but the votes against them had jumped from 12, the previous session, to 21. On December 22, 1845, there were thirteen candidates for chaplain before the House. They seemed to have no shame, sense of justice or regard for law, but had the most essential quality of religionists—gall.

In the Senate of 1850, Senator Underwood presented a petition praying Congress to abolish the office of chaplains, saying, "A national chaplaincy, no less than a national church, is considered by us emphatically as 'an establishment of religion'." The last struggle occurred on February 28, 1860, the year before the Civil War, when a resolution for the election of a chaplain was offered. A motion was made to lay the resolution on the table. It was lost by 61 to 116. But progress had been made. In 1839 the vote against chaplains was 12, in 1840 it was 21, in 1860 it had increased to 61. The Civil War now engrossed the attention of Congress and the matter never came up again.

Once Gen. W. T. Sherman was asked to recommend a certain minister for a chaplaincy. He responded in some cutting words: "I think there are several

hundred applicants now, each one of whom is stronger in the faith than St. Paul. Of course, the whole system is a farce and meant to be so. There are no vacancies now, and they are gobbled up as soon as the telegraph announces a death—there are no resignations—and so greedy are the applicants that they will not even wait for the funeral.”

The denominations from which chaplains are eligible are, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Unitarian, Christian Science, Mormon, Lutheran, Adventist, Universalist, and those churches affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, with the Catholic church in the lead.

The chaplain in the Army manages to hold his powwow just before the picture show. Of course, many come early to get a place in the show. The chaplain counts all of these as attendants at his powwow, in his reports to his superior, in order to enhance the importance of his work. These men are leeches upon the country, and thorough nuisances.

An elderly Unitarian minister who had been a chaplain in the Civil War once said to me: “The chaplain sometimes does good in a secular way. He takes care of the mail, and sometimes writes letters for the men. But the religious part of his duties made me laugh at myself. I was praying for the success of the Union army, and the chaplains of the Confederate army were praying for the success of their side. It only placed God [“the god of this world”—*Ed.*] in an embarrassing position.”—Franklin Steiner, in *The Truth Seeker*.

[A glance at the Rome-controlled press reveals the immense enthusiasm the Hierarchy has for jobs as chaplains. The pay is excellent, the work nothing, and there are titles and honors galore. The papers say little or nothing about any except Catholic chaplains being wanted.—*Ed.*]

Stopping the Kaiser

◆ Well, we stopped the Kaiser. He's liv-

ing in Holland now, his fortune unimpaired while we are still paying the price for stopping him. The all-highest and his six sons escaped without a scratch on their bodies, while 126,000 of America's sons rot in foreign soil and 234,000 maimed, blinded and mentally deranged American sons are hidden away behind the walls of veterans' hospitals.

Did we make the world safe for democracy? May devils laugh and angels weep! Did we end war for ever? There hasn't been a day since the armistice when war hasn't raged in some part of this miserable world.

And pray, what did America get out of the World War? The answer is prohibition, three-cent postage stamps, the flu, the island of Yap, the ten-year-old temporary business depression, a national debt of forty billion dollars, increased taxes, and the name of Uncle Shylock from those nations we “saved”.

Now the cry is “Stop Hitler”, and again we are called upon to pull hot chestnuts out of the fire for the great “democracies” over there. Well, let them stop Hitler. It's their baby. They made him at Versailles when they crowned their faithful ally this side of the big pond with a foolscap and decorated him with the double-cross. They made Hitler when they dismembered the Austrian empire, Balkanized eastern Europe and sought to eliminate German competition for all time to come by depriving Germany of its colonies, merchant marine, foreign investments and 75 percent of its mineral resources.—Oscar Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*.

Counterfeit American Money

◆ Counterfeit American money is circulating widely now in the war-torn lands of Europe and many innocent sufferers from other causes have been robbed of all their earthly possessions by supposed friends and acquaintances exchanging their life savings in their own currencies for supposed money of the land of the U.S.A.

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South Atlantic States

Interesting Points by Edgar Hoover

◆ In an address to the Daughters of the American Revolution, J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, mentioned that once a year one out of 17 American homes is liable to be a victim of crime: either some member will be charged with an offense or will have suffered a loss; that 20 percent of all crime is committed by boys and girls of less than voting age and that: "I must remind you that in times like these, there is great danger of misguided efforts on the part of overzealous groups of individuals who are often the victims of those motivated by a desire to further their own selfish ends. Let me warn you against the patriotic racketeer: the only things lower are the vipers of alien isms whose poisonous fangs are fatal."

Mr. Hoover mentions, and is entitled to mention it with pride, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation successfully solved 177 of 179 kidnappings since June, 1932. And that does not mean that the other two cases are beyond reach either. It makes it appear that the kidnaping business is a bad business to be in.

A Disgrace to Roanoke

◆ Police Lieutenant W. S. Newton, of the city of Roanoke, Virginia, was and is a disgrace to the city, which should never have employed him in any capacity. On the streets of his home city he addressed Christian men and women as agents of the Devil en route to hell blindfolded. Protests were made to the city manager and the superintendent of police in an intelligent, well-written businesslike letter, and the gentleman, probably by request, made application for retirement from the force. The city of Roanoke is to be congratulated upon getting rid of such an incubus. Between the date of the letter of protest and the application for retirement Mr. Newton was in an automobile accident: his car turned

over several times, out of the highway, injuring him considerably. In this world it is best not to be too fresh: one might get a chance to be sorry.

Silliness of "Flag" Patriotism

◆ Working in a shipyard during the World War, I was disillusioned on "flag patriotism". Called from our work to hear a returned soldier "cuss" the Germans, we had to stand in the open in a bitter-cold wind. I knew from experience that I was in for a cold if I stood long, with bare head, in that wind; so I slipped on my hat. But a "flag patriot" gave me a sharp punch, with the curt command, "Take off your hat!" I obeyed, deciding a cold was preferable to being stamped under the heel of a bully.—J. K. Henderson, in *The Pathfinder*.

What Co-operation Can Do

◆ What co-operation can do is being shown at Asheville, North Carolina, where the operation of a co-operative truck line during the past twenty years has enabled thousands of back-country farmers to get their products to market and to operate warehouses, feed mills, canneries and hatcheries doing over a million dollars of business annually. Previously these farmers raised only enough for their own personal needs and their average family income was less than \$100 a year.

Silver Shirt Leader Demonized

◆ William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirt Legion, stated that he had been able to read a page of print with his eyes closed. This is proof that the man is under demon control; and his general conduct supports that conclusion.

The evidence that Satan and his hordes were cast down to earth subsequent to 1914, and are now making superhuman efforts to destroy the entire human family, grows with every day of earth's travail.

Southwestern States

The Baby Died

◆ At Austin, Texas, the baby of a WPA worker took sick with a combination of measles and pneumonia, and as it was only eleven months old, and the parents had four other children sick at the same time, also two adults, and all in one room, they thought maybe the authorities would take the baby into a hospital, so that it might live. Oddly enough, they loved the little one, and felt tender toward it. But the authorities did not feel tender. Hospital care or other relief was refused. R. L. Sheetz, director of the Austin Community Chest, one of the most religious men in the city, went into detail as to the reasons for the refusal. The reasons are interesting, because they show what a Community Chest is really for: "We naturally felt we should not give them any more than we had to. We couldn't let them starve, and yet we can't maintain for them a comfortable standard of living while they establish residence here."

Atmospheric Change Kills Fish

◆ At Clear Lake, Arkansas, 1,500,000 fish died in less than two days following an atmospheric change, believed to have agitated the mass of vegetation at the bottom of the lake and released huge quantities of carbon dioxide. More than a dozen families were forced to leave their homes on account of the unbearable odor. The dead fish were said to be worth \$10 to \$15 a ton as fertilizer, provided they could be handled.

The Foolish Desire to Kill

◆ The foolish and devilish desire to kill caused Texan gun-carriers, twice within the last year, to shoot and seriously injure a pet deer trained by a Texan to meet the postman every morning and bring home the family mail. The deer carries a cowbell around his neck to keep some fool from shooting him.

Homes for the Share-Croppers

◆ The Farm Security Administration is doing something for the share-croppers; and it is high time. Rural homes are being built in five counties of Missouri at \$499 each. The dimensions are 20 feet by 26 feet, living room 14½ feet by 12 feet, a kitchen with built-in cabinets, a stoop 4 feet by 5 feet (some stoop!), screen doors, half screens on windows, and a sanitary pump. The houses for these dispossessed Americans will have no cellars, but a layer of heavy felt between the top and bottom floors will make them comfortable in winter in Missouri weather. They are to be paid for at the rate of \$50 a year, with interest at 3 percent. A sensible move.

A 1,000-Pound Turtle

◆ Off Sabine, Texas, a 1,000-pound turtle was enjoying himself swimming around with his head sticking out of the water. Some humans (or were they human?) saw him, hit him in the head with a harpoon, and as they could not kill him that way they ran their boat into him time after time until finally, by dint of many blows on the head, they finally took his life. Great achievement! Yet, somehow, one feels that they might have let him live, unless they needed his body for food. His head alone weighed forty pounds.

\$60 a Month for Stealing Chickens

◆ In Dallas, Texas, Atkinson Taylor, a 69-year-old Negro, lifted a chicken, and was fined \$75 and given 30 days in jail. The publicity drew attention to the fact that he is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, with the probable result that he will now get a pension of \$60 a month for the rest of his life. He thinks he will be able to pay for his chickens hereafter.

Nevertheless, this is no invitation to any to seek prosperity by such a route.

CONSOLATION

"Give Us More Religion"

BIG politicians and Big Business men say, "Give us more religion." There seems to be a lot of it around just now. Here is a postal card in green ink demanding that the recipient make a copy and send one each day for 13 days and on the 13th day receive \$12,600, but warning that an unbeliever had a daughter go blind. The card says, "Pay attention to this prayer. God bless you. Read Psalm 6th chapter." That card is surely a religious card, isn't it? The big folks must love it.

A Los Angeles family got religion, i.e., demons. It resulted in the beating of four to death with an ordinary hammer. That is getting results. If the big fellows could see every family wind up that way everybody's troubles would be over.

Pennsylvania has a lot of religion. At Philadelphia a jobless relief worker killed his month-old baby. The witches told him to do it, so he said. What would humanity do without plenty of this religion? At Allentown, sixty-odd miles away, a 77-year-old woman shot and killed her sister because she heard a religious "inner" voice telling her to do so. Religion, you are the berries.

Back to Philadelphia. A Haverford man had it all fixed up with the demons to give massage by religious ectoplasm, but instead of pinching the ghost they went after the man himself. This business of discouraging religion should stop, maybe.

In Wichita, Kansas, a young couple have been putting questions to their unseen nocturnal visitors and have been getting results. They not only got answers, but their religious visitors even tickled their feet. If they don't stop interesting themselves in these particular religious birds, demons, they will go insane.

Back to Uniontown, Pa. There a religious man, a spiritualist minister, tried to hire a man to bump off a man that ear-

ried a \$5,000 accident policy on his life. The man's wife was in on it, too. She is most probably religious, too.

Satan is both a liar and a murderer, and so designated by Christ Jesus; so it is not strange that so many religious racketeers are actual murderers also.

Over to New York. Psychiatrists at Bellevue Hospital say that when parents give up their money and their wills to the Negro faker calling himself "Father Divine" the children of such parents are bewildered by the fact that they are confronted with definite teachings of a mystical and magic character. That's religious, very much so, when any man can claim to be the Father Divine.

Back to Washington, D.C., where 23 persons, who can afford to pay the Government \$250 a year each for licenses to look into the future, offer to guide you in all your affairs, business, love and domestic life, tell you your name, the object of your call, your past, present and future, etc. If these things are not religious, name some that are.

From Washington go all the way to Shanghai, China, and there meet the former Anglican clergyman Ignatius Timotheus Trebitsch-Lincoln. He is now a Buddhist and he tells the world that he has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to discuss with him means for promoting peace, that he has the one and only system that can do it, and that "the stupid system set up by the Christians must be swept aside to make way for it". The ex-"Reverend's" transition from demonism in the West to demonism in the East is not half as much of a change as many people think. In either case Jehovah God was and is dishonored by this man and demonism is at the bottom of it all. Probably he saw the overalls and the plow handles coming up over the horizon in the West and thought he could stave off the evil day by shifting his position to the East.

Spain

The Millennium in Spain

◆ The Millennium in Spain is postponed. Some of the reasons are a half million men still in the army, nearly a million killed in the war, four hundred thousand exiles, and about a million in concentration camps. A dispatch in the *Altoona Tribune* explains how the country is able to get along at all, and it all shows how perfectly foolish the Devil's way of doing things really is:

Hitler has upward of 8,000 technicians helping Spanish industry get back on a paying basis. Nazi managers have been introduced in mines, factories and transport to launch the biggest modernization project in Spanish history. Spain repays Germany in goods, to date heavy shipments of copper per week plus equally precious fats—mutton and olive oil. The goods get through to Germany with the acquiescence of rather than despite the blockade.

The same power that caused Hitler to help his fellow-Catholic after signing a non-intervention pact with Britain and France, now causes Franco to aid Germany.

Continued Progress Backwards

◆ Spain continues to make progress backward. The grandees that have been its curse for centuries are to get back their lands, which had been expropriated by the Spanish Republic so that somebody in Spain could eat besides the rich. Also, the Masons are to be exterminated. All former Masons must squeal on their fellow Masons, explain why they joined and why they quit; and if the excuse is not satisfactory, then the common or garden variety of Masons gets six years in prison while one that passed the eighteenth degree gets twelve years. The Masons are charged with having promoted liberty and education in Spain and were therefore the worst citizens of the country. Having been helped into his present job by the heathen Moors and by

Stalin's friend Hitler, Franco feels that it is up to him to pursue the road backward to the Dark Ages as fast as his short legs can carry him.

To Franco's Everlasting Shame

◆ To Franco's everlasting shame Chile points out that in her embassy at Madrid she sheltered more than 1,000 of his Spanish Nationalists before the Franco forces were victorious, but to this generous attitude of the Chilean government the Franco government answered by placing all manner of obstructions to the liberty of 13 republicans given asylum there. Franco, instead of being the cultured Christian gentleman he is misrepresented in the press as being, is a narrow-minded, cruel, bigoted butcher. Blessed by both the pope and the Devil, he is an apt representative of them both. Diplomatic relations between the two governments were terminated.

General Franco's Salary

◆ For violating his oath to stand by the Spanish Republic, and for causing the death of 1,200,000 of his fellow Spaniards, General Franco, as head of the Spanish state, now receives a salary as large as that of the president of the United States, namely, \$75,000 a year. And his traveling allowance, instead of being a mere \$25,000 a year, is seven times that amount. Spain is indescribably poor, and has a population but one-sixth that of the United States.

How any honest person can stomach the racket that holds this man up as a hero is beyond comprehension.

Totalitarian Portugal

◆ Salazar, the Fascist-Catholic dictator of Portugal, asserted that his aim is to make education available only to members of the ruling class. This is the purpose of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy wherever it gains full control.

Protestantism

Learned Nothing in 25 Years

◆ The "Rev." J. Mackay, St. George's Methodist Church, Bournemouth, England, makes it clear that he learned nothing in twenty-five years. Hear him:

It has been definitely stated many times during the past four months by recognized leaders of both Church and State that the war upon which we are now unhappily engaged is a Holy War, a war for the defense of Christian civilization against the rampant materialism that seeks to destroy it.

This idea has entered very deeply into the minds of the British people, and with it there has come an equally deep determination that, when the war is over, a new civilization shall be created in which war shall have no place. We said that in 1914, and the memory of our failure still humbles us; but this time we mean to succeed.

How can a divided Church create a united world? The question is its own answer. As it is today the Christian Church has not even the faintest hope of leading the world towards Christian civilization. Unless the Church shows to the world a working model of the unity it asks the nations to achieve, it must give up its claim to lead the civilization of the future.—In *London News Chronicle*.

"Inactivity of Religious People"

◆ At Collingswood, New Jersey, the Archdeacon Robert Gribbon said that "a great deal of the existing trouble in the world is due to the inactivity of religious people". It must be that he never heard of that religious man Pacelli, and the deeds of infamy that have been done by his cronies in the United States; of that religious man Francisco Franco; of that other religious man, Adolf Hitler; of the now religious man of Italy, Benito Mussolini, or of the gentleman who was trained for the priesthood, and now rules Russia, Josef Stalin. Mr. Gribbon should read *Consolation* or *The Watchtower* and find out just how active, not how inactive, the most religious people in the

world have been. Indeed, if he wants to save his life, he had better get the book *Religion* and study it.

Idiotic Performance of Religion

◆ Can anybody think of anything more idiotic than for police officers to break a hole through ice four inches thick so that two young men can dive into the frigid waters and "rescue" a golden cross thrown into the water by a Greek bishop? The cross, it should be explained, was tied to the bishop with a white ribbon, so that even if the young men got cramps and were drowned the bishop would still have his cross. This idiocy occurs annually, in January, and is a feature of the Greek Catholic religious racket.

"Baptism" with "Holy Soil"

◆ Baptism is only for such believers in Christ as have already covenanted to do God's will. Hence the baptism of children is worse than foolish. But baptism, when performed properly, is by immersion in water, not sprinkling. In Berlin recently a "pastor" of the so-called "German Christian church" baptized a baby by sprinkling it, and that not with water, but with the "holy soil of Germany". Come to think of it, this was quadruple foolishness, for the clergyman in question represented the Devil.

Protestant Missionaries Must Leave

◆ It is anticipated that all Protestant missionaries may have to leave Japan. This is a natural result of the admitted sympathies of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy with Japanese aims at the conquest of China, and the wide publication of the same by the Japanese Catholic church. First to feel the pressure are the Salvation Army and the Protestant Episcopal church. No further foreign support of these institutions in Japan will be permitted by Japanese authorities.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

"The Greatest Crusade"

● Costly advertisements have appeared in provincial newspapers with the following remarkable captions: "The Greatest Crusade", and "The New Magna Carta"; in which is said, "We, who are members of the British Commonwealth, hold in our hands the future of the world." There is no name attached to the advertisements. The New Magna Carta is the Statute of Westminster of 1931, which brought into existence the British Commonwealth of Nations, and altered the accepted status of the Dominions to free nations linked together by loyalty to one king. The advertisers name this statute a New Magna Carta because it gives liberty to the nations in the Commonwealth as the original Magna Carta gave to the individual, and which has preserved the rights of the individual in England from the time of King John.

The ostensible purport of the advertisements is to contrast the freedom of the British nation and its associate nations and peoples with the declared purpose of the Nazis, who, having brought Germany under a rule well represented by their Gestapo, have succeeded in subjecting other peoples to it, and are busily engaged in extending their slavery, and purpose, if possible, to bring the world under the slavery of that rule, with Germany then exalted as the chief people and to be served by all the others. Telling that these free nations, with the exception of Eire, are of one mind in the purpose of keeping Britain and themselves from the bondage and degradation of Nazism, and believing in the triumph of their fight with the Nazis, they reach out to the declaration, "The British Commonwealth of Nations has the honor to

hold in its hands the future of the world."

Appearing without any named sponsor the advertisement might be taken by some as if from the Government and as an incentive to patriotism. But the British Government would not say just so much for itself: there are too many political implications involved to allow that, even if the thought were held. As if speaking for the Government, or as with an authority from the people, the advertisers say (and most will agree), "We are not fighting for power or wealth; we are not fighting merely for our lives; we are not even fighting for the liberation of Europe from the evil things. We are fighting in a crusade to preserve and develop the greatest achievement in free co-operation between nations that mankind has yet seen." Very probably the matter started with and is an endeavor of that very patriotic company of British folk who tell the world that the British people are the natural descendants of the ten tribes of Israel who were deported from the land of Israel by the Assyrian conqueror, carried captive across the Euphrates, and were scattered abroad in his widely extended empire. They also declare that descendants of the other two tribes are intermingled with the British nations, and, what is the more serious error, that the British nations, and their blood relatives in other lands, are the natural and inevitable inheritors of promises made by Jehovah to His then covenanted people Israel. The high points of the extension of what is familiarly known as the British Empire are made much use of as if they were proofs of the fulfillment by God of His ancient promises to His people, despite the questionable manner by which much of that extension has been gained. Their statements have been met again and again both from factual argument and from the Scriptures, which they claim to exalt. But, like the religionists of the great creedal systems, they pick out for use just such passages as they believe are of service to

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them, and ignore the rest, and miss their spirit. The present threat of the Nazi and allied powers must surely give them reason for questioning, except that they must believe that no hurt can come to the British Commonwealth. One of their strong points is that Britain has had fulfilled to it the promise made to Abraham, "Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Genesis 22:17), and that the gates of the Mediterranean, Gibraltar and Malta, of the Red sea at Aden, of the Far Eastern sea at Singapore, are proofs sufficient. The present war brings grave threats to the holding of each of these gates, and no man can yet say what is to be the result of the aggression by which they are threatened. Comment on this advertisement, which carries no Scripture support, is that the British Commonwealth of Nations has no Divine mandate to consider that it "has the honor to hold in its hands the future of the world". Those whose eyes are opened to the truth of the Scriptures concerning the kingdom which is soon to rule the world; whose eyes are no longer blinded by the interested self-exalted interpreters of the Bible, who say that the only kingdom of God which will be in operation until some very distant future day will be when they have completed their work of converting the world to their ideas, know that the time is come when the great Theocrat, Jehovah, the God of the Scriptures, will fulfill His declared purpose and establish His kingdom under the rule of His Son.

Seen in its best light, the extension of British rule throughout the earth will be generally admitted as having done much to enlighten the world in the principles of freedom and justice for the peoples; and doubtless the fact that for the greater part of the past century Britain's rule of the seas, policing them, and keeping them free from marauders, was of great advantage to the great democracy of the Western world, allowing it to develop its resources and to increase so as to become a mighty force in the earth.

Out of that land of freedom, untrammelled by the religious orthodoxy which held rule in Britain, there came, under the ruling of the Most High, a people prepared to listen to the truth concerning the coming of His kingdom, then due to be made known, and which message has been clarified by that same ruling providence until now there is the certain declaration of the near full establishment of that kingdom, the great Theocratic rule, so long ago foretold by Him through His servants the prophets, and confirmed by Jesus Christ.

Seen in a less favorable light the rule of Britain over some of the darker places of the earth reveals anything but that righteousness which marks the kingdom of God, or of a people specially chosen by Him to manifest the rule of His righteousness and that glorious time which will be enjoyed when His kingdom and its righteousness is fully come. Nor is there evidence, despite all that the chiefs of religion and their servants say, that the institutions of Britain and its policies will be different in principle from the past when the expected victory over the present abominations of totalitarian rule has been gained. The Lord said, quoting the prophecy by Isaiah concerning Himself, "In his name shall the nations hope." There is a fond hope held by some—to use a current word, much "wishful thinking"—that some day, and perhaps soon, the world will see Britain turn as a nation to the worship of God, and by that they mean become "religious", which is the very thing that has deceived them and kept them from the teaching of Jesus, and true Christianity.

The "Battle of London"

● The German bombers keep up their "Battle of London", deadly unanswerable attacks by night, and the more readily met "bomb and run" attacks by day. The havoc increases, and London must wait for its reorganization. Undoubtedly much of the destruction of the homes of the people in some parts of the London

area is not altogether in itself a matter of regret, for London has just grown, and at the expense of the needs of the workers. Some of the poor from the East End have been housed in the vacant or vacated great houses in the West End; but the people are not happy there: they have no small shops to which to run, to spend their small monies, and they miss their ordinary manner of life, and their houses, however poor, meant home in a way that a house cannot do. But the life of the great city goes on, if under limitation and difficulty and the ever-present sense of danger. There is a rising call for the Government to give the cities of Germany something of that which London is getting. The churchmen generally raise their voices against reprisals, as they must do unless they call for a moratorium on their interpretation of the "Sermon on the Mount". But when one sees the wicked havoc of destruction and death, sees his neighbors going about their daily life, and then dug out of a mass of debris and rubble, dead or maimed, the matter of making the enemy which caused the disaster feel something of what he is responsible for does not seem a very hard question. And the Lord never meant that either demon-inspired enemies or the Devil should be loved.

Costs of Living

● It was inevitable that the cost of food-stuffs, of clothing, of household goods, would increase. To keep prices from soaring to ruinous heights the Government early began some control, and set maximum prices beyond which the retailer might not go; also it fixed some of the wholesale rates. This applied mainly in the commoner articles of food, and, on the whole, the move has worked well, and to the advantage of the majority. But in many items the rule of supply and demand has taken its usual course, and money does not purchase at the barter value it had before the war. Tomatoes have been selling as high as one shilling and four pence a pound, and the price of

onions rose from the usual one penny or one and a half pence a pound to ten pence, and they had to be sought for here and there. The onion rate is now controlled and the price ramp is stopped, though the supply is very short. Corned beef formerly selling at about 6 pence a pound now costs more than twice that figure. Potatoes are priced by the Food Ministry and at such a rate as to give the farmer a fair share of the increase. He is not allowed to sell below a fixed price, nor is the merchant allowed to buy below it. Probably the Cabinet will decide to undertake the control of all food-stuffs, adding to its tremendous tasks. The new purchase tax now coming into operation will increase the cost of clothing, of household goods, and of the innumerable items which go to make up the needs and luxuries of life. Railway charges both for passenger traffic and for freights are being increased. The purchase tax as it is in the first instance obtained from the wholesale merchants goes directly into the Government's coffers; the other increases are those which go to swell the profits—or make up the losses—of the merchants and retailers.

Food for the People

● The Government through its representatives, and particularly by the Minister of Food, assures the people that there will be no shortage of necessary foods in the coming winter season. The potato crop is, on the whole, excellent and abundant, and Canada, says its Minister of Agriculture, can supply Great Britain with wheat for three years out of stocks in hand. Also the Canadian minister said Britain can be supplied with bacon and many other commodities. The bit of news about bacon will be good reading to many; for the supply has not been plentiful of late, and the aroma and taste and food sustenance of bacon are very welcome to quite a few Britishers.

A great deal was said a little while ago about the addition of a synthetic Vitamin B₁ to ordinary milled white flour—and

most of the inhabitants of this land prefer white bread to the wholemeal. But some experts have been trying the mixture on rats, and it is said that "rats fed on whole-wheat flour gained twice as much weight as those fed on the fortified white flour". Now the experts think it must be another vitamin which is lacking, and "hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent already on building factories to manufacture aneurin (the synthetic vitamin) in tons". The millers and the bakers do not want to change from white to wholemeal bread: the millers because the offals extracted from the grain when white flour is milled and sold for fodder provide them with a most profitable market, and the bakers because wholemeal bread baking requires a different technique and would mean changing plants.

The Shelter Health Problem

• The following excerpt, from the *News Chronicle* of November 5, is of interest:

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The second—a more depressing document—deals with the adults and the children left behind in London to sleep every night in the Underground or huddle into Anderson and brick shelters. . . .

"Lack of sleep, absence of fresh air, irregular meals and bad sanitation infect the mind as surely as they attack the body," said one medical authority to the *News Chronicle* yesterday. . . .

"A quick remedy for that is to send them out of London immediately. But the adults must remain behind to carry on normal services and maintain our factory output.

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